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LESNEVICH CROWNED *the* FIGHTER *of the* YEAR

Walcott's Battle with Louis Fails to Drive Gus from Top Ranking for Year '47

By NAT FLEISCHER

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JERSEY JOE WALCOTT'S fifteen-round battle with Joe Louis, in which the thirty-four-year-old veteran came so close to achieving the upset of upsets of fistic history, made him a formidable eleventh hour contender for the most coveted of all boxing distinctions—THE RING's Fighter of the Year award.

However, the outstanding citation for 1947 goes not to Walcott, a one night sensation, but to Gus Lesnevich, light-heavyweight champion of the world, who in winning four contests during the year did so much to improve the standing of the sport.

True, Walcott's fourth round knockdown of Louis, for a count of seven, gave the Jersey veteran the distinction of being the chief actor in the Round of the Year.

But a summation of all the points involved on both sides clearly entitles Lesnevich to the No. 1 ranking among the boxers of the world in so far as performance in the ring, benefices to the game, clean reputation, and fine public relations, are concerned.

Despite all the excitement over the verdict to Louis over Walcott, despite the claiming of the title by the Jerseyman, despite the hooting of the crowd over the decision, THE RING does not rate the Louis-Walcott affair one of the really great battles of 1947.

To the contest in which Rocky Graziano took the world middleweight title from Tony Zale with a sixth round knockout in Chicago last summer goes the distinction of being the Fight of the Year.

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LET us sum it up this way: 1, Lesnevich was the Fighter of the Year; 2, The Graziano-Zale contest was the Fight of the Year; 3, The fourth session of the Louis-Walcott scrap was the Round of the Year; 4, The Louis-Walcott event was the Surprise of the Year; 5, Louis was the Disappointment of 1947; 6, Walcott gains from THE RING a medal for An Outstanding Performance in 1947 in going 15 rounds with Louis and putting him on the canvas twice.

THE RING has originated a new award, to be known as the Rookie of the Year prize, to be given annually to that fighter who has made the greatest strides out of the unknown class. For 1947, it goes to Laverne Roach, from Plainview, Texas, a middleweight.

It is a delight to THE RING Magazine to find so much of intensely dramatic value to dilate upon for 1947.

It is especially delightful to be able to counteract the blow dealt boxing by the Graziano case, which still keeps the middleweight champion suspended in the state of New York, and the suspension of Jake LaMotta after his odd looking knockout by Billy Fox in the same State and odorous affairs in many other sections of the country, particularly in the Mid-West and Far-West.

It is truly spectacular to be able to find such fighters as Lesnevich and Walcott in the picture; to be able to look back at the first and fourth round knockdowns of the fading Louis against Walcott, to recollect the thrills of The Rock's knockout triumph over Zale.

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1947—Gus Lesnevich

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TO Walcott THE RING bestows a great honor. He is rated second to Joe Louis among the heavyweights, and the two Joes are placed in a division all by themselves. At the top of the second group, No. 3 in the world ranking of heavies, is Elmer Ray, of Minneapolis.

The fact that the No. 1, 2 and 3 heavyweights are Negroes presents a situation without parallel in the history of boxing, and makes it look as if we might be in for a new White Hope festival.

Lesnevich, of course, is the top ranking light-heavyweight. Ezzard Charles and he are in a group by themselves, with Archie Moore topping the second division.

The No. 1 ranking among the middleweights has to go to Graziano even though he still is under suspension in New York. But Graziano won that rating in the ring and he cannot be deprived of that honor or his title.

Graziano first, Zale second, Bert Lytell third, and Marcel Cerdan fourth, with the suspended Jake LaMotta fifth, is the middleweight rating.

In the welterweight division, we place Champion Ray Robinson all by himself. In the second group Tommy Bell tops Bernard Docusen, Tony Janiro and Tony Pellone.

The lightweight of the year is Ike Williams, who marked 1947 with his rise to the championship.

THE RING places Enrique Bolanos, of Los Angeles, No. 2 in this division, over Bob Montgomery.

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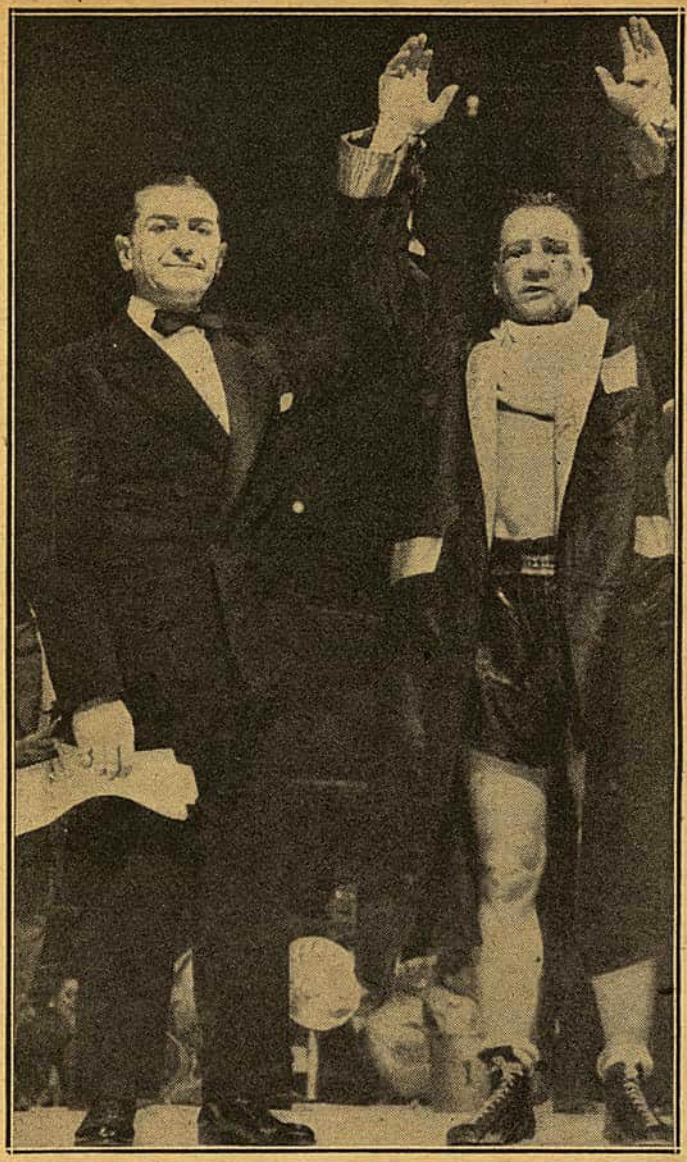
THE RING has found its No. 2 featherweight in Humberto Sierra of Cuba, but the top man still is Willie Pep—top man and champion, all by himself.

Manuel Ortiz is the ranking bantamweight, with Peter Kane of England second and Jackie Paterson of Scotland third.

The standout flyweight is Rinty Monaghan, of Ireland. Here



Gus Lesnevich, a champion who has earned the highest honors boxing can give him—the Ed Neil Award and the Fighter of the Year award given by THE RING.

we find our one deviation from the list of world champions.

In England, Paterson still is recognized as the world flyweight king.

However, since Monaghan defeated Dado Marino, of Honolulu, standout contender outside of Great Britain, THE RING has rated Monaghan the No. 1 man, and Marino second.

The list of top ranking fighters shows that we still have a lot of veterans in the standout spots. In fact, the catalogues of the first ten everywhere feature pre-war ring heroes.

However, as stressed in the tough time Louis had with Walcott, the old order is about to undergo serious changes.

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IN designating Gus Lesnevich of Cliffside Park, New Jersey, holder of the world's light-heavyweight championship, as its Fighter of the Year for 1947, THE RING is pleased to find so distinctive a candidate for a citation this publication has been awarding for nineteen years.

THE RING is delighted with its choice of this veteran for the highest honors the boxing world can give to a fighter, a distinction that has been shared by such great fistic lights as Gene Tunney, Tommy Loughran, Barney Ross, Joe Louis, Tony Canzoneri and Tony Zale.

It was Gene Tunney who received the first award back in 1928 and Zale who was the winner last year. Now Lesnevich joins THE RING's Honor Roll of All Time Greats.

When the Fighter of the Year award was inaugurated, it was stipulated that the boxer chosen must be a man of high character, a standout fistic performer, one who had to be a pattern for the American youth, a fighter whose personal life and whose pugilistic performances had to be free from public scandal. In this year of boxing scandals, of grand jury investigations, of charges of crookedness against some of our leading talent, it is most surprising that there was so little difficulty in making our choice.

The reason? Because Lesnevich was a standout at a time when boxing sadly was in need of one whose character and fighting qualities would offset bad influences of gamblers, whose machinations have brought the sport into disgraceful company.

Gus' honest endeavors in the ring, his conscientious efforts, his loyalty to those whose patronage through the years has enabled him to gain fame and fortune in the roped square, have brought him the honors THE RING Magazine bestows on the Jerseyite this year. Our heartiest congratulations to this veteran of boxing and World War No. II.

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LESNEVICH meets every requirement necessary for one to be selected as THE RING's Fighter of the Year. He didn't do much fighting during 1947, but in what fighting he did engage, he gave the spectators a run for their money. There never has been any charge of collusion in any contests in which Gus has engaged. He's an honest fighter who always gives his best and always prepares faithfully to fulfill his trust to the sport and its patrons.

Lesnevich's record for the year includes four fights, one of which was in defense of his crown. In that he knocked out Billy Fox, the Philadelphia light-heavyweight who to date has scored fifty kayos in fifty-one bouts. Billy went out in the tenth round.

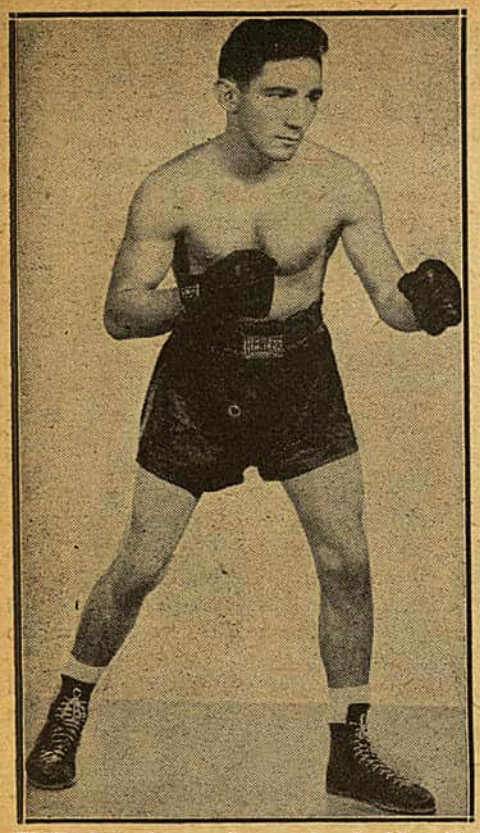
Melio Bettina was stopped by Gus in the first. At Ebbets Field, Lesnevich won a tough fight with Tami Mauriello in ten and then in the Garden, in a return engagement, Tami was halted in the seventh.

No one who saw the masterpieces registered by Lesnevich in his bouts with Fox and the kayo contest with Tami, will find fault with our choice of the Jersey champion as the Fighter of the Year.

For a time there were no disputed championship claims in any of the divisions due to the fact that in the lightweight class the N.B.A. holder of the crown, Ike Williams, was matched to fight Bob Montgomery, the recognized titleholder in New York, and Ike stopped Bob to win the title. Late in November, however, the action of the British Board of Boxing Control in reversing its stand and returning to Jackie Paterson the flyweight title which it had taken from him makes that class the only one in which there is a double champion.

When Paterson called off his title match with Marino three times, he was shorn of his world and British Empire crown by the British Board and the action of that ruling boxing body in England had the whole-hearted support of the National Boxing Association in the U.S.A. After two postponements, the first due to boils which Jackie developed, and the second to a nervous breakdown, Paterson, on the occasion of the third set date declined the issue. He asked for a third postponement. A few hours before the fight, he notified the promoter and B.B. of B.C. authorities that he could not go through with the contest because of illness. As a result, he couldn't get down to the flyweight limit. Dado weighed in and Rinty Monaghan substituted for Paterson and Rinty lost on a foul.

Subsequently a match for the title was arranged between Rinty and Dado, and Rinty won. Paterson in the meantime got a court order compelling the British Board to reopen Jackie's case and hear new medical evidence and two weeks after Monaghan had won the title bout, the Board returned Paterson to the throne. There is ample precedence to show that the Board erred in its last decision. Paterson lost the title when the Board originally ruled him out because of his failure to meet Marino and the championship was vacant when Monaghan and Marino fought for it. Under the circumstances THE RING has eliminated Paterson from further consideration as a flyweight and names Monaghan as the



Willie Pep who stands in a class by himself as a featherweight.

world champion. If and when Monaghan and Paterson meet as per the instructions of the British Board, and Paterson proves he can make the flyweight limit, he will be restored to the division. Until then we shall rate him as a bantam.

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THE year 1947 was unique in that it was the first in many in which every championship was defended at least once. However, there were not as many title bouts as in pre-war days. A total of 12 were held, four of which were staged in the bantamweight division. The previous year there were fourteen championship contests. Here are the title bouts of 1947:

In the heavyweight division, Joe Louis engaged in his only fight of the year and retained his crown by the skin of his teeth when he beat Joe Walcott in fifteen rounds in Madison Square Garden on December 5 in a split decision.

Lesnevich knocked out Billy Fox in the Garden on February 28 in ten rounds.

On July 16, Zale lost the middleweight crown to Rocky Graziano in the Chicago Stadium in six rounds.

Ray Robinson, in defenses, knocked out Jimmy Doyle in the Cleveland Auditorium on June 24, and Doyle died during the night from a cerebral hemorrhage. Later, Robinson fought Chuck Taylor.

In the lightweight division, Bob Montgomery, who was the recognized champion in New York and Pennsylvania, settled the matter of supremacy with Ike Williams, N.B.A. titleholder, at the Sesquicentennial Stadium in Philadelphia, where Williams knocked out Bob in the sixth round on August 4.

Willie Pep, usually the most active champion, back from a long illness due to a plane accident, made his only appearance in a championship bout in Flint, Michigan, where he stopped Jock Leslie in the twelfth round of a good battle on August 22.

The bantam title was laid on the line four times. In the first bout, Harold Dade took the crown from Manuel Ortiz in San Francisco on January 6, via the decision route in fifteen rounds. Then on March 11, Manuel Ortiz regained the crown by defeating Dade in Los Angeles, in fifteen rounds. Ortiz then travelled to Honolulu, where he beat David Kui Kong Young in fifteen rounds on May 30, and as we go to press he clashes with Tirso del Rosario in Manila.

As for the flyweight title, that has already been explained. Paterson was forced to vacate the crown and in a championship match staged with Rinty Monaghan and Dado Marino by Jack Solomons on October 20 in London, Rinty won the decision.

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MOST of the titleholders had an active year. Louis, besides his one championship fight, had fourteen exhibitions.

Willie Pep, inactive for a long spell because of injury, started a new campaign on June 17 and engaged in nine bouts. He defeated Victor Flores, Leo Le Brun, Paulie Jackson, Humberto Sierra and Archie Wilmer, and knocked out Joey Fontana, Jean Barriere, twice, and Jock Leslie.

Ike Williams also had nine fights. In non-title bouts he beat Willie Russell and Ralph Zannelli. Besides scoring a knockout over Montgomery to settle the matter of world ownership of the crown, he kayoed Frankie Conti, Juste Fontaine, Tippy Larkin, Doll Rafferty and Talmadge Bussey. He lost to Gene Burton in ten rounds.

Manuel Ortiz who regained the world bantam crown from Harold Dade and heads the bantam class.

Montgomery had eight bouts. He lost to Tony Pellone and Williams, won from George Larover, Julie Kogon and Frankie Cordino and kayoed Eddie Giosa, Joey Barnum and Jesse Flores.

Ray Robinson also had nine contests. He won from George Abrams, and stopped Bernie Miller, Fred Wilson, Eddie Finazzo, Jimmy Doyle, Sammy Secreet, Flashy Sebastian, Jackie Wilson, then he tackled Chuck Taylor.

Before being halted by Rocky Graziano, Zale stopped Deacon Logan, Len Wadsworth, Tommy Charles, Al Timmons, and Cliff Beckett.

Graziano, besides stopping Zale, kayoed Eddie Finazzo and Jerry Fiorello.

Manuel Ortiz had his four title bouts and also was stopped in an overweight match by Manny Ortega in eight rounds.

Jackie Paterson defended his British Empire bantam crown twice, stopping Johnny King in seven rounds and Norman Lewis in five. He lost non-championship mills to Cliff Anderson and Stan Rowan, who stopped him in two rounds. Jackie won from Corrado Conti, Al Chavez and knocked out Emidio Cacciatori.

Rinty Monaghan had only four bouts. He kayoed Terry Allen, beat Emile Famechon, lost on a foul to Dado Marino and beat Marino in a title bout.

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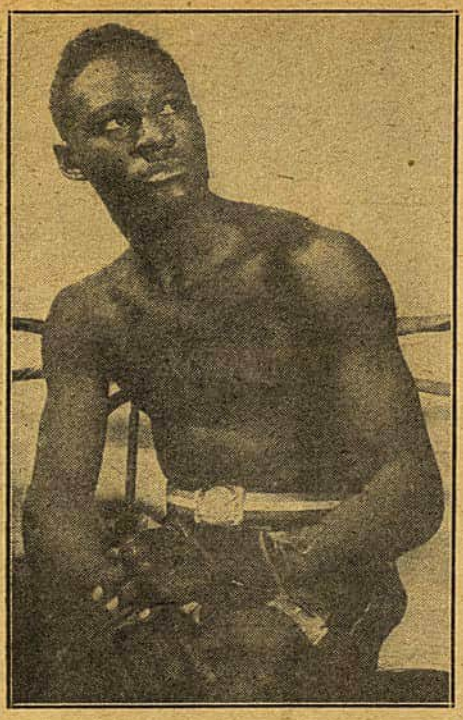
BY far the best fight of the year, the contest that was most thrilling, was the return engagement between Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano, in which Rocky won the middleweight title. Almost every round of that battle was a hair-raiser, but the fifth was the round of the year.

From a scientific standpoint, the display of Tippy Larkin in his fight in the Garden with Billy Graham, stood out as the most scientific of the year. Larkin in that bout was a reminder of stars of old. It was a masterful exhibition.

The Flop of the Year was Mauriello, who from the No. 1 contender of the previous year, dropped completely out of the picture as 1947 came to an end. Among other keen disappointments, boxers of note who flopped badly, were Charley Fusari, Al Priest, Jake LaMotta and Curtis Sheppard. The last named, at the start of 1947, loomed as a fine heavyweight prospect and by mid-year became an also ran.

Fusari, last January, loomed as one of the brightest prospects in the game. He looked like a sure opponent for Robinson in a welter title fight. His knockout at the hands of Tippy Larkin in nine rounds was the turning point. Then he lost to Tony Pellone and Eddie Giosa and after stopping Joe Di Martino, he drew



Ezzard Charles of Cincinnati who, with Gus Lesnevich, make up Group 1 of the light-heavyweight section.

with Johnny Cesario, won from Humberto Zavala and lost to Cesario. Thus from a championship contender, he dropped to a club fighter whose title chances are now gone.

Priest came to New York from Boston heralded as one of the greatest fighters developed in New England in many years, but he faded quickly as a menace. He made a spry appearance in the Garden and though he has won eight out of ten bouts, he rates as no accomplished fighter.

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LAMOTTA, who for several years ranked high as a middleweight threat, met defeat at the hands of Cecil Hudson, an ordinary scrapper, and that combined with his smelly fight with Billy Fox, following two performances in which he showed little of the ability credited to him, brings him to the category of flops for the year.

In the Bell fight he had to win the last round to gain the decision and in the fight with Janiro he clashed with a youngster who lacked the strength to offset Jake's aggressiveness. There was no honor in licking Tony, and his final contest, that with Fox, was a disgrace which Jake will never be able to live down. It brought about the second Grand Jury investigation in boxing of the year.

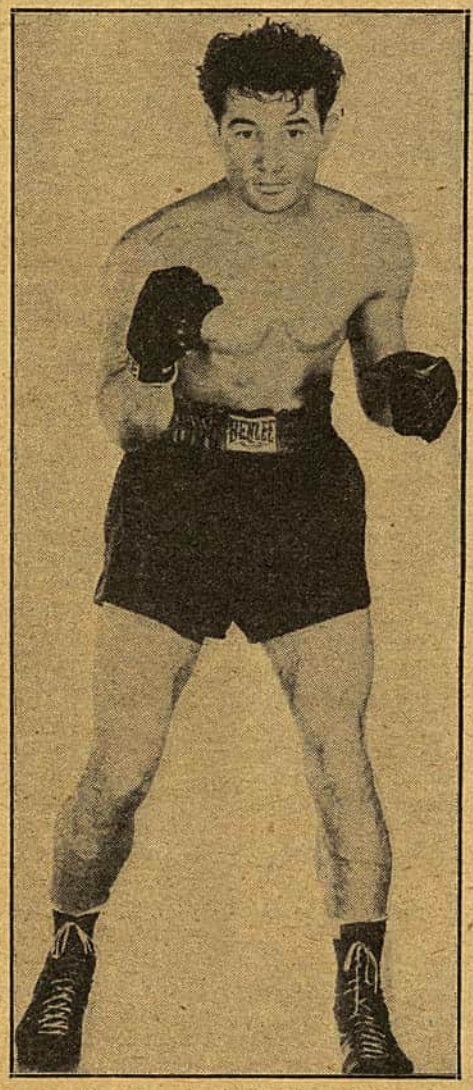
Several international bouts were staged during the year. The most important of these brought together Ike Williams and Ronnie James, British lightweight champion, with Ike winning by a knockout.

Joe Baksi met Bruce Woodcock, and the British heavyweight king was halted in the seventh round, in London. Baksi encountered Olle Tandberg in Stockholm and this fight went to the Swede via the decision route in ten rounds.

Freddie Dawson vs. Vic Patrick in Sydney, Australia, saw Patrick knocked out in the twelfth round. The Monaghan vs. Dado Marino bouts in the first of which Rinty lost on a foul, and the second, he won the flyweight title in fifteen rounds, also highlighted international competition.

The best prospects among the many foreign fighters who showed their wares in this country, are Livio Minelli, a welterweight, of Italy; Fidel Arciniega, Spanish heavyweight, and Tommy "Terry" McGovern, British lightweight, who though he lost several bouts, displayed considerable skill as a raw novice.

While most of the big shots in each division took plenty of time off in the hopes of getting big gates in the fall and winter, the year was one of exceptional activity among the smaller fry. Many of the preliminary and semi-final boys participated in twenty or more bouts.



Rocky Graziano, middleweight king, who tops his division in our ratings.

The youngsters were kept busy while the topnotchers were warming their heels, waiting for the big dough.

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THE highlights of the year follow:

1. The setback suffered by Joe Louis when he emerged, by the skin of his teeth, as the winner and "still champion" from his bout with Jersey Joe Walcott, by virtue of a split decision.

2. Two grand jury investigations of boxing, one in the Graziano case and the other of the Jake LaMotta-Billy Fox bout.

3. The record gate for an indoor Garden fight of $216,177, grossed on the Walcott-Louis bout, to exceed the previous high set in the Maloney-Delaney battle back in 1927.

4. The record for gross receipts other than a world's heavyweight championship contest, set in the Graziano-Zale battle in the Chicago Stadium, $418,825.

5. The loss of prestige by the 20th Century S.C., following the illness of Mike Jacobs.

6. The spreading of championship bouts to sections other than New York and the appearance of top-rate fighters in such sections following the breakdown of Mike Jacobs' fistic kingdom.

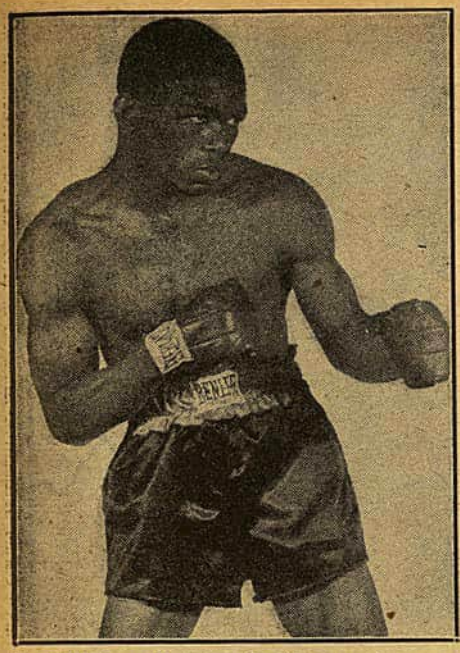
7. The adoption of new rules by many boxing commissions to curb the invasion of the sport by undesirables.

8. The fighter who made the greatest advance from the preliminary class, Laverne Roach, THE RING'S "Rookie of the Year."

9. Most promising fighters, Maxie Docusen of New Orleans and Billy Chicken Thompson of Philadelphia.

10. Biggest flop of the year, Tami Mauriello, New York heavyweight.

11. The record number of fights for the year held jointly by Ray Louis of San Diego and Joey DeJohn of Buffalo with 33.



Ike Williams, lightweight king, tops among the boys in his division.

12. Greatest shock performances, Jake LaMotta's questionable fighting in his bout with Billy Fox, and the Louis showing against Jersey Joe Walcott.

13. Longest reign as champion, Joe Louis, who successfully defended his crown on December 5, 1947, for the tenth consecutive year.

14. Best knockout record, that amassed by Billy Fox, who has recorded 50 kayoes in 51 bouts in his career, seven this year.

15. The year's largest number of losses, suffered by Earl Shaw of Boston, Harold Stroud of New York, Aponte Torres of New York and Humberto Zavala of Mexico, each of whom dropped 13 bouts.

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DURING the year, The Ring Editor presented three championship belts, bringing the list since this was started to 129. Harold Dade received one when he gained the bantam crown by defeating Manuel Ortiz, who later regained the title from Harold. The second was given to Rocky Graziano, who dethroned Tony Zale to win the middleweight championship, and the third to Ike Williams, who stopped Bob Montgomery to win the world lightweight title.

The boxing receipts from 31 shows staged in Madison Square Garden totaled $1,918,230. The Chicago Stadium grossed $994,724, which with an additional $30,000 for broadcasting, brings the total beyond the million dollar mark.

The largest non-title receipts were in the fight between Tippy Larkin and Charley Fusari in Madison Square Garden, $115,455.

Here are a few of the fighters whose records for the year indicate that they are wasting their time continuing in a profession in which there is little chance for advancement for them. Many here listed are fit for retirement:

Jimmy Pettie, Woburn, Mass., middleweight, lost 10 fights, drew in two and won two.

Bob Scott, California, lost five, was stopped four times, in ten bouts.

Earl Shaw, Boston, Mass., was stopped eight times, lost five in sixteen bouts.

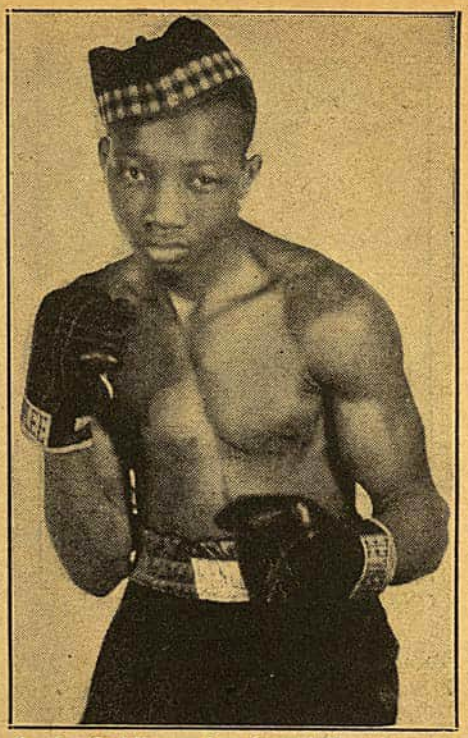
Al Shelby, Detroit, lost eight, stopped one in nine fights.

Meyer Siegel, N. Y. middleweight, lost seven and was kayoed once in nine fights.

Oscar St. Pierre, Fall River, Mass., was kayoed six times in as many contests.

Harold Stroud, New York middleweight, lost 13 out of 15 bouts; Jim Taylor, New York middleweight, lost eleven and drew 3 times in 17 bouts; Jose Aponte Torres, New York feather, lost 11 and kayoed twice in 16 bouts.

Tony Trout, Philadelphia bantam, lost 10, stopped 3 times in 18 bouts; George Washington, New York heavy, stopped three times and lost once in five bouts; Jim White, New York light-heavy, stopped three times, lost two in 5.



Sandy Saddler, who has defeated every foreign featherweight title holder on this side of the Atlantic and rates high as a contender for Pep's crown.

Bobby Williams, Buffalo, heavyweight, lost 2, stopped 3 times in six; Edward Fox, New York welter, lost 11, stopped once in 14; Cyclone Williams, New York welter, kayoed 6 times, lost 3 in 13.

Jimmy Wilson, Detroit welter, kayoed 7 times, lost 2 in 11; Auggie Yarratt, Louisville, feather, stopped once, lost 9, drew once in 13; Humberto Zavala, Mexican lightweight, lost 8, stopped 5 times, won once in 14; Eddie Letourneau, Sanford, Me., kayoed 7 times, lost 5 in 15.

Billy Pappas, New York light-heavy, lost 11 and was stopped once in 12 bouts; Willie Parker, California middleweight, lost 9 and was stopped 5 times in 18.

Tony Rios, Mexican welter, fought eight times, lost four and was stopped three times; Willie Roache, Philadelphia feather, lost 9 out of 10 fights; Raul Rogue, New York, was stopped six times and lost four in 10.

Pat Murray, Paterson, N. J., welter, lost 11, stopped 3 times in 17 contests; Fred Nelson, New York lightweight, lost 3, stopped four times in seven.

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JOHNNY NICHOLSON, New York lightweight, stopped 5 times, lost 6 in 11 bouts; Charley Noel, New York lightweight, lost 9, drew once in 11 bouts; Danny Nolan, Detroit middleweight, stopped six times in six bouts.

Pat O'Malley, Cambridge welter, kayoed seven times in 7 bouts; Willie Odom, Chicago welter, stopped once and lost 6 in 8 bouts; Eddie Lee, Amsterdam, N. Y., middleweight, lost 7, kayoed 3 times in 11 bouts.

Walter Cabey Lewis, lost 12 out of 15 fights. Memo Llanes, California, kayoed four times and lost 2 in 6; Larry Lynn,

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Olle Tandberg, the highest rated foreign heavyweight.

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Dave Glanton, New York heavyweight, lost 2 and was stopped 7 times in 9; Archie Goodbee, Albany, N. Y., lost 7 and was stopped three times in 14; Edco Greenwood, New York middleweight, lost nine out of 10 bouts.

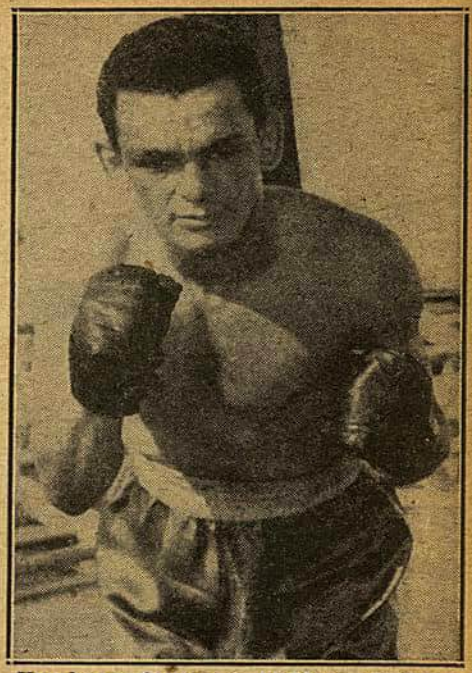
Kenny Haines, Ontario, lost 6 and was stopped 3 times in 11 bouts; Jim Hardaway, New York middleweight, was stopped seven times in 8 bouts; Bernie Harper, New York welter, was stopped seven times and lost once in 11 bouts; Ossie Harris, Pittsburgh middleweight, lost 10 out of 11 bouts.

Kenny Hilton, New York lightweight, lost 12 and was stopped 3 times in 19 bouts; Clarence Jones, Buffalo, was kayoed 5 times in as many bouts.

Eska Mosley, New York welter, lost 11 and was stopped once in 14; Joe Murphy, Harrisburg welter, lost 4 and was stopped 3 times in 8; Jimmy McLarnin, Fall River lightweight, lost 9, was stopped twice in 12 bouts.

Pete Manchio, New York welter, lost 9 and was halted once in 11 bouts; Coolidge Miller, New York middleweight, lost 4 and was stopped twice in 6.

Bernard Docusen of New Orleans who made great progress in the welterweight ranks.



Humberto Sierra, a highly-rated Cuban featherweight.

Jim White, New York light-heavyweight, lost twice and stopped four times in six contests; Sammy Smith, California light-heavy, kayoed 5 times in 5 bouts.

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DEATHS in the ring in 1947 were only about two thirds of what they were the previous year when sixteen fatalities were recorded. During the past twelve months, ten deaths occurred, equally divided between amateurs and professionals. Hence at least this one time, the field of professional boxing cannot be attacked viciously by those who refer to the sport as one in which "murder" plays a part. When one considers the thousands of pros and amateurs who participated in boxing throughout the country and abroad, the small percentage of fatalities is indeed a miracle.

Deaths in other sports far outnumber those in pugilism.

The death of Jimmy Doyle, California's outstanding welter who passed away following his fight for the title with Ray Robinson, resulted in vicious attacks on boxing from all parts of America, yet that death was as much an accident as were those among the simon pures in boxing, hockey, football and basketball, which were buried with a few lines of comment.

Here are the fatalities for the year:

Jan. 3 — Shreveport, La. — 17-year-old Travis Hudson died in the second round of an amateur bout.

Jan. 30—Brooklyn, N. Y.—16-year-old Anthony Sconzo died in Kings County Hospital following a Golden Gloves bout at the Ridgewood Club.

Feb. 7—Sydney, Australia—Rip Bunker died in hospital following his knockout by Jimmy Hogg, in 12 rounds. He was a pro flyweight.

Mar. 27—Long Beach, Cal.—J. T. Horton, Long Beach, died following a bout with Robert Bouchelle in a Navy amateur tourney.

April 16 — Helsinki, Finland — Gunnar Melkie, 19-years-old, died after a knockout in an amateur bout.

June 25—Cleveland, O.—Jimmy Doyle, California, died in hospital following a knockout at the hands of Ray Robinson.

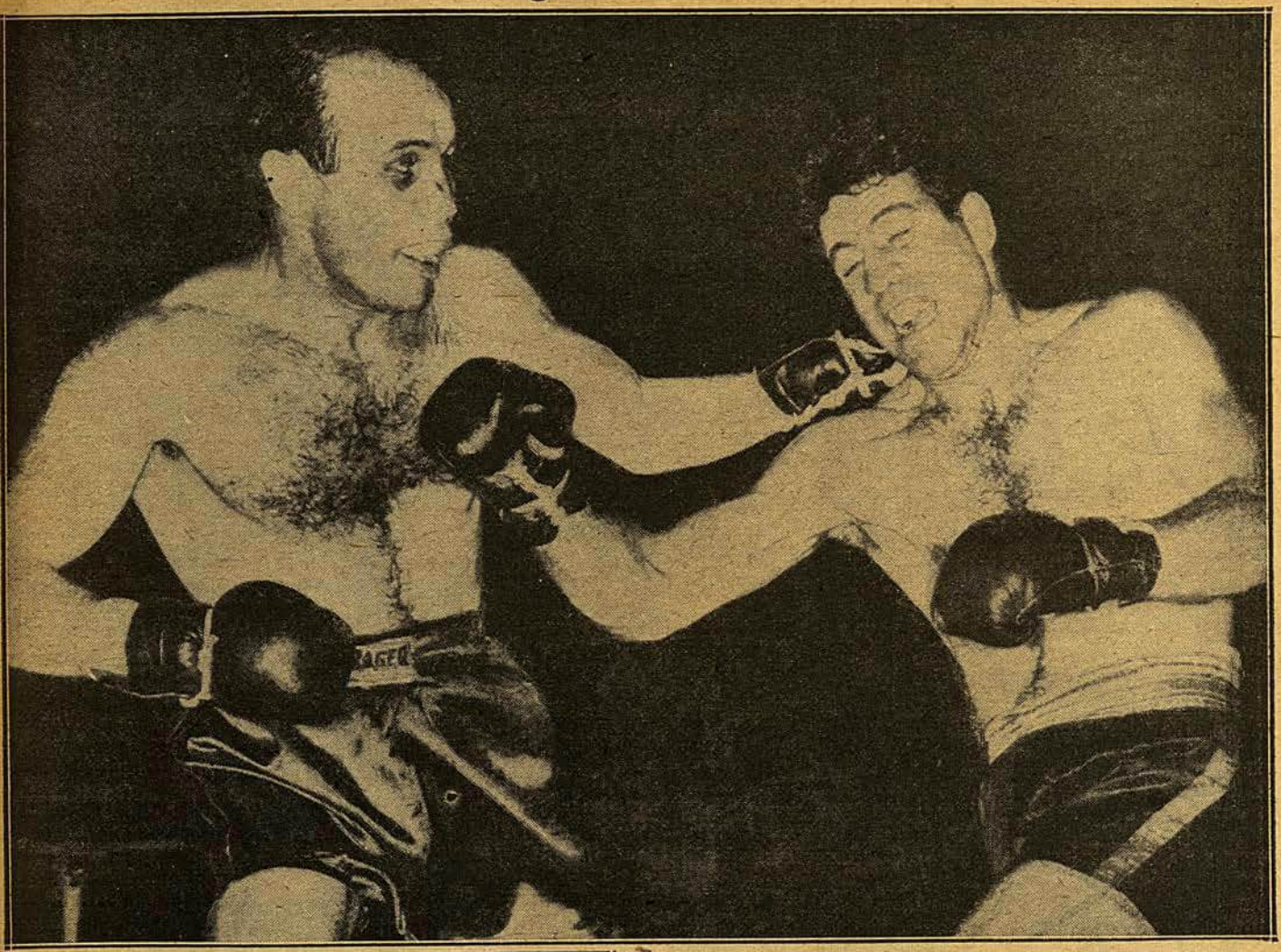
July 12—Hollywood—Benny Cleveland, 118 pounds, died following his collapse at Hollywood Legion Stadium. He lost a four-rounder to Bob Adams in a pro bout.

July 19—Brisbane, Australia—John Rewan Lewis, 20 years old, died following his knockout in a pro bout at the Brisbane Stadium.

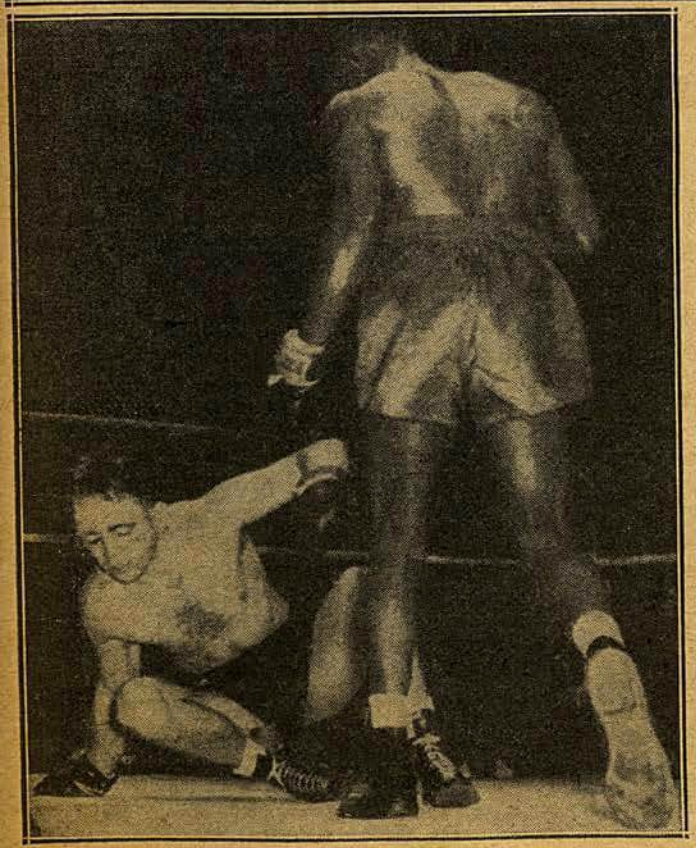
Aug. 16—North Adams, Mass.—Glenn Newton Smith, 23-year-old Philadelphia middleweight, died in hospital after being knocked out by Sam Baroudi.

Oct. 30—Pasadena, Cal.—James M. Wilander, 27 years old, a sailor from San Francisco, died following his collapse in fourth round of his bout with Robert Harris in an amateur tourney. He died from overexertion.

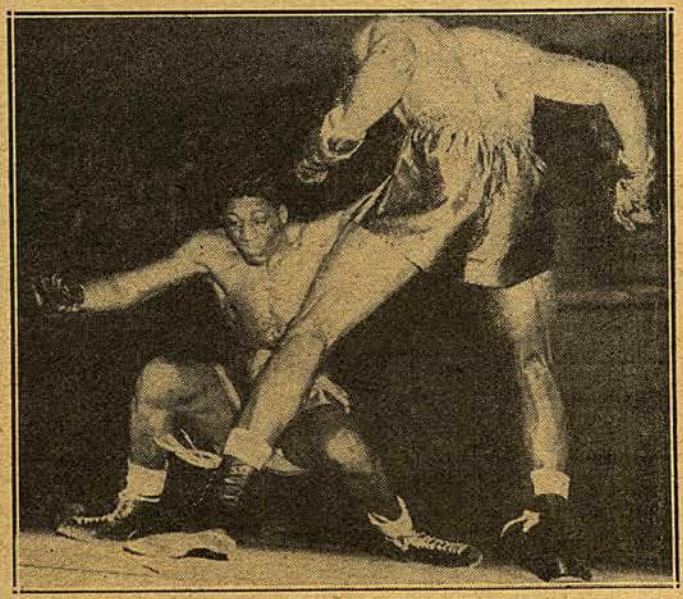
FIGHTS *of the* MONTH



Above—Georgie Abrams (left), crashes his left to the jaw of Fred Apostoli to whom he lost a close decision in San Francisco.



On left—Billy Cooper down in seventh round of fight with Tommy Bell in Cleveland. Bell won a split decision.



Jimmy Arnold on way down in second round with Harold Guss in Chicago Coliseum. Arnold was put away in the seventh round.

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Neil Award to Lesnevich Meets Approval

Honor to Farley Also Delights Fight Fans

Graziano Gets Chance to Ply His Trade

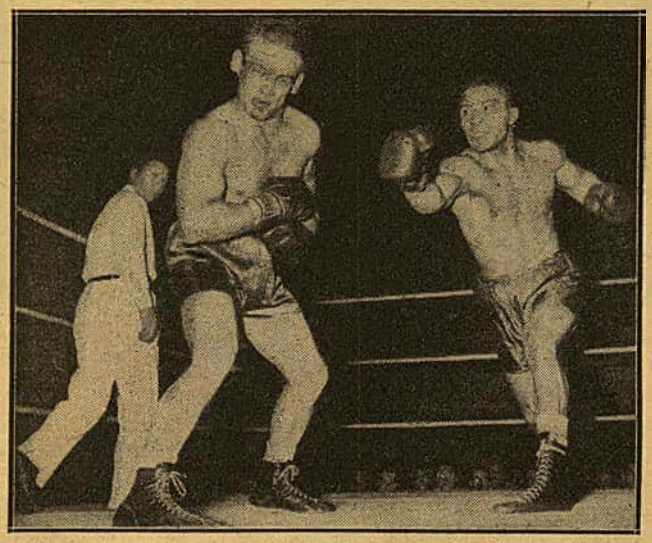
THE RING is delighted. It is pleased that the Boxing Writers' Association of New York supports its choice of Gus Lesnevich, light-heavyweight champion of the world, as the Fighter of the Year for 1947, and the recipient of the Edward Neil Trophy.

The New York writers very easily could have been stampeded into selection of Joe Walcott.

That very morning, before the scribes met to name their man, the New York Commission had met to entertain the Walcott protest.

The air was full of sympathy for the Jersey challenger. Many of the writers felt that Walcott had beaten the Bomber.

However, the New York writers refused to be swayed by the excitement of the day and adhered to their determination to give the big citation to a big man in the game, Gus Lesnevich.



Ruben Shank, Denver middleweight (left), is staggered by a right delivered by Mel Brown and a second later is counted out as another right finds its mark in their bout at Minneapolis that ended in the eighth round with Shank being hospitalized with a brain concussion. The veteran Denverite announced his retirement from the ring immediately after the fight.

Just why the writers voted for Gus is not hard to arrive at. You have only to thumb the pages of this issue of THE RING Magazine to the leading story to find out why the scribes decided to give the grand accolade to the light-heavyweight king. The reasons given by THE RING are the reasons given by the writers.

The Boxing Writers' Association is to be commended not only for its unimpassioned attitude in this, but for its decision to award its long service trophy to Jim Farley.

Farley's benefices to boxing, his tremendous contributions to the welfare, the good, the dignity, the integrity of the sport, can be realized and appreciated only by those who were close to the picture when Jim was the chairman of the New York Commission.

Never before, and not since his retirement from the boxing picture, were the affairs of the New York Commission handled so adroitly, so justly, so rightly.

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THE National Boxing Association has come out with the result of its poll on Rocky Graziano. It has announced that, after weighing the ayes, and the nays, it has come to the conclusion that America wanted the Rock to go on fighting.

THE RING is for the decision. It is for giving Graziano another chance. With a warning, that this is the last chance. One step off the road, and that will be the end of the ring career of the middleweight champion. THE RING does not fear that Graziano will be guilty of that misstep.

THE RING is for the decision. But it wants to warn the NBA, as well as Graziano.

The NBA dashed into the Graziano situation without taking the trouble to investigate. It never went to the New York Commission for its findings, to the New York Grand Jury and the New York District Attorney for their discoveries.

The NBA never investigated rumors that Graziano had been in trouble in the Army—very serious trouble, on an AWOL charge.

Seeing the Rock suspended in New York, the NBA seized at the chance to crow over that body by offering the Rock work in Chicago, where he knocked out Tony Zale.

Gentlemen of the NBA, be more careful in the future. Don't go off half-cocked. Don't be blinded by your animosities toward the New York Commission. Just be careful, Messrs. Greene and Co. Very careful, very perspicacious—and look before you leap.

It would appear that the New York Commission will reconsider the Graziano case in the near future.

Not that Eddie Eagan and his associates are interested in the NBA poll.

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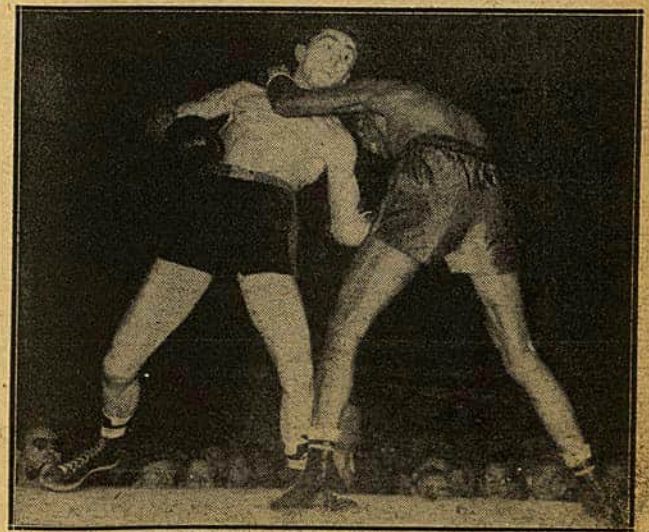
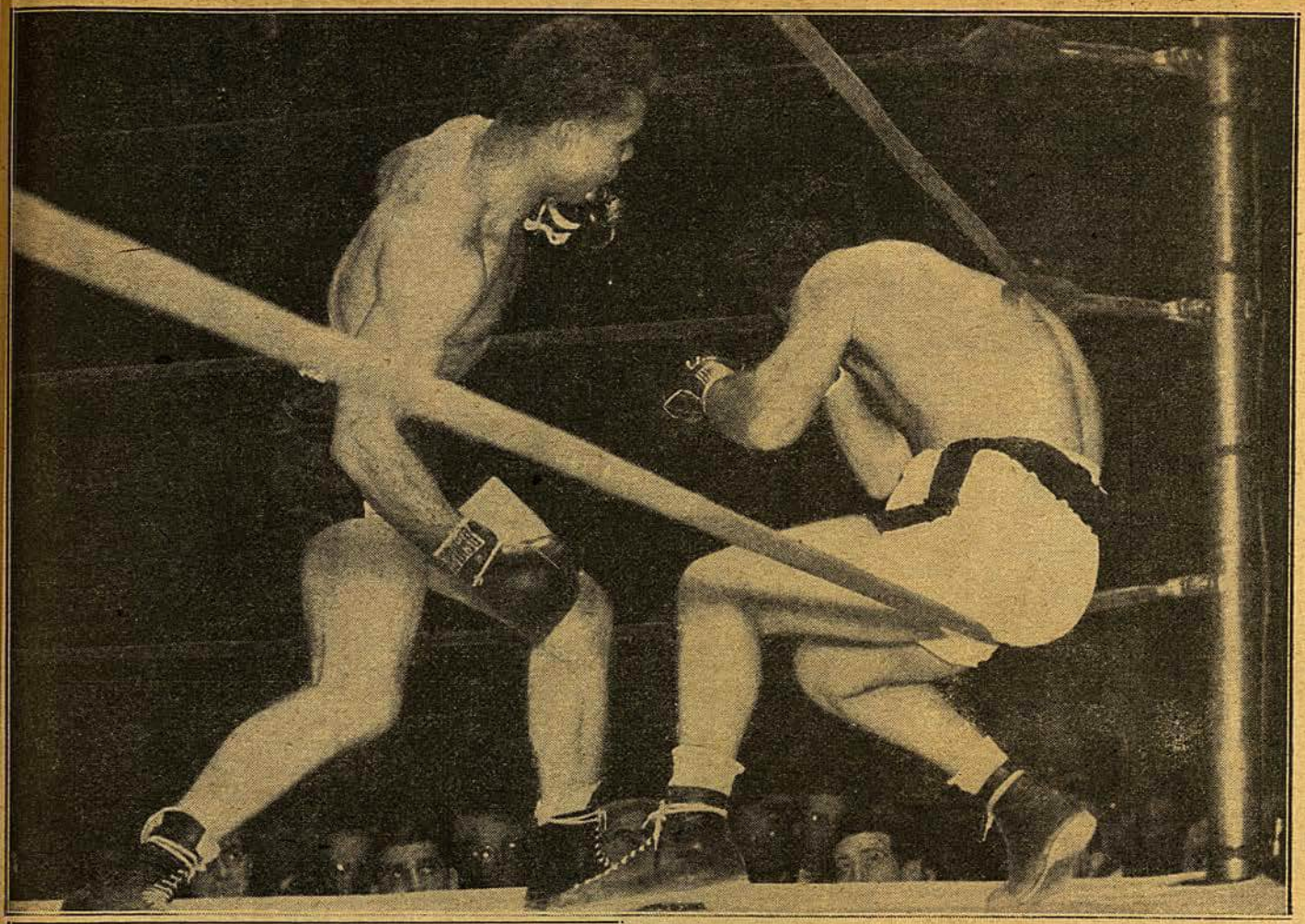
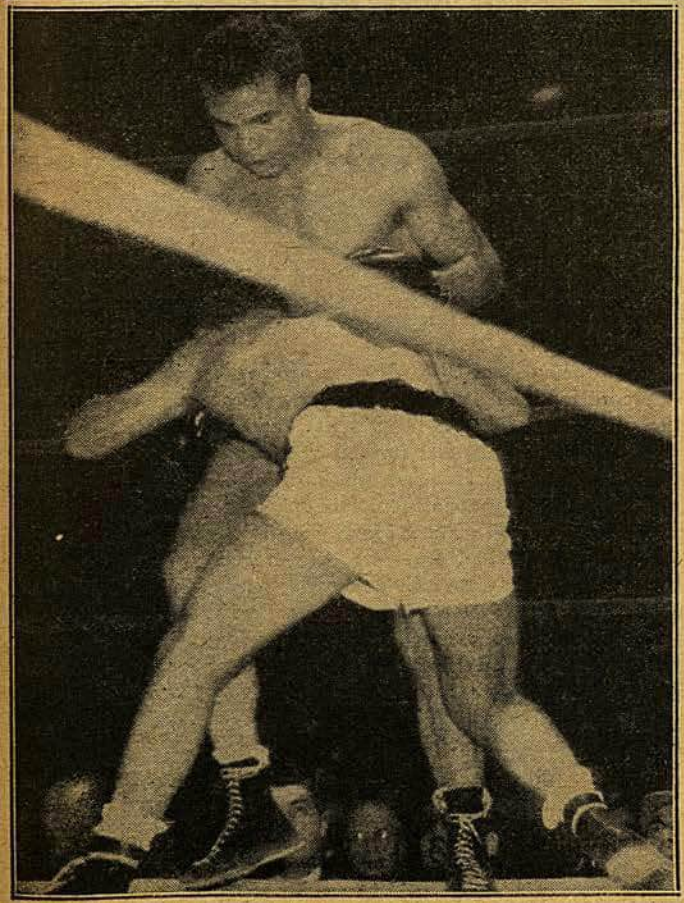


Livio Minelli, Italian welterweight, draws a grunt from Bob Montgomery as he scores with a left to the stomach of the former lightweight champ in their ten-round affair at Philadelphia, which Minelli won.

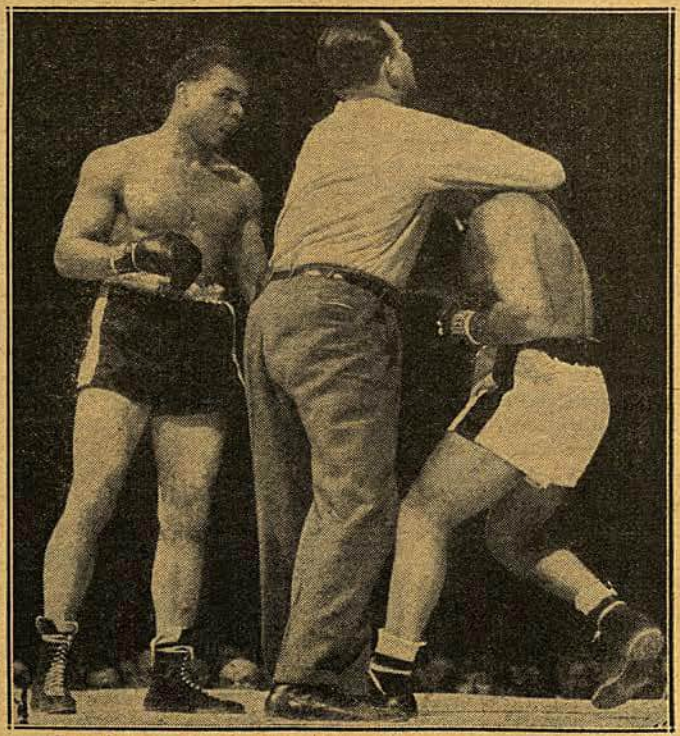
The FIGHT *that* CREATED *a* SCANDAL



Jake LaMotta unexpectedly wilts before Billy Fox's two-handed attack and sags against the ropes, trying to protect himself, as Fox pounds him with both fists.



LaMotta staggers under the bombardment, and, with his knees buckling under him, desperately clutches Fox around the waist.



Referee Frank Fullam decides matters have gone far enough, and halts the bout in the fourth.

Rookie *of the* Year Award

Laverne Roach Is Awarded Latest Trophy Offered by RING Magazine to Fighter Who Made Greatest Progress From Preliminary Class— Minelli, Docusen and Darthard in Close Race

By JERSEY JONES

IT SEEMED an excellent idea when Nat Fleischer suggested it. "What do you think," he asked, "of THE RING adding to its annual awards a prize for the year's outstanding 'new face' in boxing?"

"You mean a sort of 'Rookie of the Year'?" we ventured.

"Yes," he replied, "though he doesn't necessarily have to be a rookie in a strict sense. After all, how many boys become headliners in their first year of boxing? No, I mean some lad who may have been fighting before 1947, but was practically unknown to the world at large on January 1, yet earned a place in his division's top ten by December 31."

"It's a swell idea," we said, with something more than a touch of enthusiasm. "An award of that sort will give ambitious kids an added something to shoot for during the year."

"Okay, then," Nat continued. "See if you can figure what youngster was the standout of 1947, and we'll award a new prize. We will call it 'The Rookie of the Year' trophy."

It didn't, at first, figure to be too much of a problem selecting the outstanding fistic developments of the year. Almost every twelve-months' span can be depended upon to produce at least one "sensation," a youngster who catapults from comparative obscurity into big-time rating.

Sometimes one bout will do it, as in the case of Willie Jackson, and his spectacular one-round knockout of Johnny Dundee in Philadelphia in 1917.

At other times it will be a series of smashing performances, such as Paul Berlenbach's in 1924, Joe Louis' in 1935, Lew Jenkins' in 1939, Beau Jack's in 1942, and Rocky Graziano's in 1945.

Yes, it promised to be a simple enough matter to nominate a candidate or two for recognition as 1947's outstanding product.

But, once settled down to the business at hand, the assignment proved to be anything but simple. In fact, we hadn't been wracking what we humorously call our brain for more than ten or fifteen minutes before we realized we were up against a real problem.

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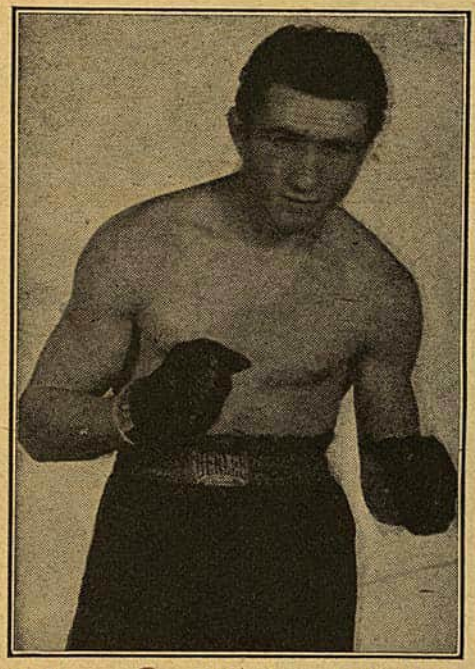
THE crop of so-called "new faces" during 1947 was, to say the least, a very poor crop, indeed.

There was no real standout among the year's developments.

Wading through the voluminous records of fistic activities, not only in the extensive American sector, but on the far-flung international front, we were unable to come up with the name of even one youngster who could be labelled a "sensation"—who, during the year, had risen almost overnight to sudden stardom from the ranks of the preliminary performers and the rings of the small-time circuits.

Charley Fusari, rangy Irvington, N. J., blond, seemed well on his way to becoming 1947's top product when he utterly demolished Tippy Larkin in spectacular fashion in Madison Square Garden. But Charley failed to maintain that blistering pace, and during the year skidded back to the status of just another welterweight.



Livio, a welterweight, is one-half of the Minelli brother act from Italy, doing well in American rings.

Bernie Reynolds, young Fairfield, Conn., light-heavy, was coming along rapidly, and apparently headed for the big-time, when he suddenly stumbled and tripped. Reynolds looked very good belting out big Walter Hafer in a Garden semi-final, but his progress was rudely halted when Jackie Cranford tossed a lacing into him at the St. Nick Arena.

Another disappointment was Jackie Bratton, flashy Chicago lightweight, who started the year as something of a four-alarm riot in the City of Perpetual Wind, but was unexpectedly beaten by the ancient Sammy Angott, and that defeat seemed to take a lot out of the young man.

Included among the notable flops of 1947 would be Al (Red) Priest, Cambridge, Mass., middleweight, who had New England fans in something of a dither for a while. But Priest, given an opportunity to click in New York, displayed only ordinary ability against the veteran Ruben (Cowboy) Shank in the Garden, and his subsequent record definitely relegated him to the ranks of boxing's hoi-polloi.

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FOR real "rookies," perhaps the year's best products were two middleweights—Randolph Turpin of England, and Attilio (Rocky) Castellani, of Luzerne, in the Wyoming Valley of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Turpin, youngest of three fighting brothers, ran off a remarkable record for his first year of professional campaigning. But because of his age (he was not yet 19), his bouts in Britain were limited to six rounds, and for this reason he had to confine his activities to preliminaries and semi-finals. But he whipped some better than ordinary opposition. His only non-winning effort resulted in a draw with Mark Hart, one of England's better middleweights, but he had previously beaten Hart, and among his other performances were convincing wins over such fairly capable Europeans as Jimmy Davis, Ron Cooper, Bert Hyland, Leon Fouquet, Jury VII, Bert Saunders and Jimmy Ingle.

Castellani also delivered an impressive record for his first year of professional leather-tossing, punching his way from preliminary bouts in his coal-mining neighborhood to a semi-final in the Garden and a main-event at the St. Nick.

Fast and aggressive, with a lot of natural boxing savvy, and a fairly emphatic sock in either hand, Castellani suffered only one defeat in 19 starts, and that one, at the fists of Billy Kilroy, was wiped out in a return bout. Among Rocky's other performances were decisions over Gene Boland, Lenny (Boom Boom) Mancini and Tony Riccio—not precisely an array of champions, perhaps, but a mighty tough crowd for a kid of Castellani's limited experi-

ence to whip so convincingly.

Despite their remarkable freshman records, however, Turpin and Castellani fell somewhat short of qualifying for THE RING'S award, since neither had quite reached what could be called big-time status—though they weren't far from it by the end of the year.

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TECHNICALLY, none of them could be classed as a "rookie," but four of the better youngsters to hit the upper brackets during 1947 were Livio Minelli, Italian welterweight; Laverne Roach, Texas middleweight; Maxie Docusen, lightweight brother of the stylish Bernard, and Jackie Darthard, thunderous-punching Negro welterweight of Kansas City.

The choice for the year's top development would appear to rest somewhere in this quartet, with so little to choose among them that a modern Solomon would be hard put to select the best.

Minelli, younger of the two battling brothers from sometimes Sunny It', had been boxing professionally for three years in Italian and Spanish rings before he arrived in New York last summer.

But Livio definitely has established himself on the big-time now. He recently capped a string of nine straight American triumphs by whipping the former world lightweight champion, Bob Montgomery, in Philadelphia. Among his previous performances, in and around New York, were decisions over such opposition as Vinnie Rossano, Norman Rubio, Joey Peralta, Sammy Adragna and Johnny Williams. His best showing had been against Adragna in a Garden semi-final.

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ROACH, a product of the Marines, and one of the very few service products apparently headed for prominent places in the fistic world, also was well grounded in ring experience before 1947. Laverne did quite a bit of knuckle-dusting in and around leatherneck training camps, competed in several prominent amateur tournaments, and upon his discharge in 1945 fought half a dozen professional bouts in Norfolk and Washington.

It was not until last year, however, that the transplanted Texan, who is now living in Millburn, N. J., began to attract serious attention as a possible middleweight headliner. Fighting chiefly in the New York area, the youngster, a smart, clever, heady boxer, put together an impressive skein of wins, capped by a decision over a ranking middleweight, Herbie Kronowitz, at the St. Nick Arena. Laverne's earlier accomplishments included a knockout of Danny Rosati, and verdicts over Billy Cooper, Vic Amato, Norman Rubio and Billy Arnold.

Roach has patterned his style pretty much after that of another one-time Marine, Gene Tunney. There is nothing particularly fancy or flashy in Laverne's modus operandi, but the youngster is cool, knows how to box, and wastes few punches.

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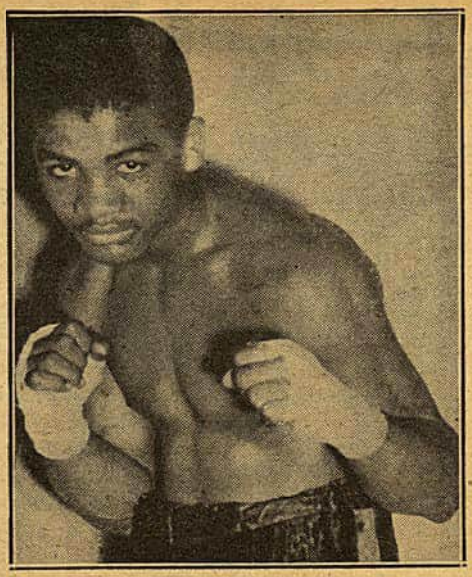
DOCUSEN'S progress, like Roach's, was not spectacular, but it was steady and sure. Maxie had been carefully nursed along for three years in preliminary bouts supporting his illustrious brother Bernie, but in 1947 he became a popular main-event attraction while campaigning in California.

The New Orleans youngster's most notable accomplishments included knockouts of Simon Vegara, Sammy Andrade and Ralph Lara, and decisions over Alfredo Escobar, Buddy Jacklich and Billy Gibson.

The vicious-punching Darthard, in his second year of professional competition, blazed a merry trail through mid-western rings. Scattering his activities from his native Kansas City to Milwaukee, Chicago and Omaha, Jackie came up with an imposing record that embraced knockouts of Fist Dever, Sparky Reynolds, Johnny Ryan, Don Lee, Eddie Miller and Buzz Brown, and verdicts over Mickey Savage, Ray Barnes, Ben Montabano, Dave Clark, Ray Spurlock, Eddie O'Neill, Jimmy Sherrer and Cecil Hudson.



Jackie Darthard, welterweight contender from the Jayhawk State.

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OUR intensive research carried us through the records of more than 100 other possibilities for consideration as the outstanding "new face" uncovered during 1947.

One was a Negro welterweight whose blasting fists attracted something more than casual attention during the latter part of the year—Melvin Brown of St. Paul, whose eight-round kayo of Ruben Shank in Minneapolis sent the veteran Cowboy to the hospital, and dropped the curtain on his ring career.

Just prior to his meeting with Shank Brown flattened Charley Padalino so emphatically in Minneapolis that Charley also appeared to be a hospital case for a while. It was 15 minutes after he had been counted out before Padalino was revived.

Brown's sudden rise to stardom hit a snag, however, when Mel, after his spectacular wins over Padalino and Shank, was outpointed by the veteran Jackie Burke in Minneapolis. Burke proved a bit too ringwise for the youngster.

Another kid who made rapid progress during the year was Paddy DeMarco, rough-and-tumble Brooklyn lightweight, who was undefeated throughout 1947 and ran off 14 straight wins.

A lad who came along fast but fell just a bit short of hitting the upper brackets was Irish Bobby Plant, a welterweight who shifts his allegiance between Newark and Coney Island. After only a few months of preliminary experience, Irish Bobby was fighting main events at the smaller clubs in New York.

Another youngster who displayed signs of becoming a popular attraction was Charley (Zivic) Affif, Pittsburgh middleweight, who, in two New York appearances, both at the St. Nick Arena, turned in fine performances against such seasoned opponents as Vinnie Rossano and Sonny Horne.

On the international front, one of the best developments of the year was a Canadian Negro lightweight, Arthur King.

The youngster, boxing almost exclusively in Toronto, dropped only one decision in a dozen starts, and that one, to Joe Brown, was squared away in a return match. King's victory string included wins over such experienced ringsters as Walter Cabey Lewis, Joe Bagnato, Jimmy Rizzo, Dave Castilloux and Spider Armstrong. The Canadian topped his schedule with a neat victory over Tommy (Terry) McGovern, flashy young Britisher.

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McGOVERN also must be listed with the better products of the year. Tommy, an outstanding amateur in Europe, had never boxed professionally until he arrived in New York early in 1947. Taken along in preliminary bouts at first, McGovern quickly rose to main events at the smaller clubs. He lost one decision to ringwise Phil Terranova, and another to clever Jimmy Warren, but he whipped Warren in an encore engagement, and outboxed one of New York's better youngsters, Tony LaBua.

Over in the European centers of fistic operations, several likely-looking youngsters crashed into prominence. Randolph Turpin was probably the best. Rated close behind him was welterweight Eddie Thomas of Wales, while Johnny Williams, an English light-heavy, also was tabbed as an exceptionally promising lad.

Holland came up with a fine middleweight in Job Roos.

Scandinavia's most prominent developments were Elis Ask, a Finnish featherweight, and Elge Rasmussen, Danish bantam.

Labelled the best of the Continental heavyweight developments was a transplanted Austrian, Jo Weidin, now living in Paris.

From South Africa came reports *(Continued on page 34)*

BIG YEAR *for* SCANDALS

Graziano and LaMotta Suspensions in New York Part of Smelly Harvest as Eagan Moves for Cleanup

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

NO summation of developments in world boxing in the year 1947 would be complete without an account of the political messes, scandals and the like.

To read these things in the newspapers, one would get the impression that the like never before had been seen.

As a matter of fact, boxing is run better today than in any other stage or era of the industry.

Don't let Grandpa tell you about the so-called good old days in the ring. The tremendous development of the commission form of boxing and government regulation has wiped out a lot of abuses and tended to clean up things.

To be sure, commissions are political creatures, and as such get involved in political matters, in the giving of jobs to men who should not be permitted to have anything whatever to do with ring regulation. Politics means patronage, and patronage means office holders who in civil life could not show enough acumen to run a third class peanut stand.

Patronage also means the involvement of boxing with vote getting, and the like.

However, with all that, we still find the game in a far healthier condition than it was in before commissions took hold.

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THE most unpleasant of the many developments of the year concerned Rocky Graziano, middleweight champion of the world. It was revealed that Graziano had been approached to throw a fight with Ruben Shank, a match which was to have been fought chiefly for a charitable cause, and which was cancelled.

It was admitted by Graziano himself that he had been approached not only on the Shank fight, but on a previous match.

The New York Commission, headed by Lt.-Col. Edward Eagan, ultimately suspended Graziano indefinitely for failure to tell the Commission about the offers to throw these two contests.

There were other factors which cannot be arrived at without close examination of the minutes of the Grand Jury investigation of the boxing situation in New York, Eagan's own investigation, and the discoveries and findings of District Attorney Hogan of New York.

It is conceivable that when the New York Commission suspended Graziano, it was cognizant of the fact that he had received a dishonorable discharge from the Army, after a term in Leavenworth, for having gone AWOL. While AWOL, the boxer was engaged in competitions in New York.

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THE action of the New York Commission on Rocky should have received the cooperation and the common acceptance of other commissions as well as the National Boxing Association, which should be a helpful instead of a monkey wrench influence.

No sooner had the New York Commission barred Graziano, and the ban still stands after—almost a year—than other state influences in other states, and the National Boxing Association got busy.

While in good standing with the New York Commission, Graziano was confined to action in New York, under the promotion of the Mike Jacobs organization.

This irked the promoters around the country because Graziano had become the No. 1 attraction of the ring. To be sure, the Jacobs organization deserved first call on him because the Jacobs organization had built him up. He was the best attraction in New York for many months and will continue to be such elsewhere now that 40 percent of the NBA membership has voted to permit him to box in their domain.

Just as soon as it became definite that Graziano could not fight in New York, the NBA got busy to see that he would engage in a second title fight with Tony Zale in a locale in which the NBA had influence. In New York, it carries no weight. The New York boxing law forbids its Commission from holding membership in any group like the NBA, and a fine law and provision it is.

Ultimately, the NBA saw to it that Graziano met Zale in Chicago. The Rock knocked out his older rival and took the middleweight championship in what we call "The Fight of the Year." It was a great battle and most successful financially.

This left the NBA riding high, wide and handsome. The New York Commission was holding the bag.

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HOWEVER, it wasn't long before the situation changed, and the NBA was tossed behind the eight ball.

The story of Graziano having been punished and discharged by the Army came out of the Adjutant General's office in Washington and was printed in a Chicago paper, whereupon the Illinois Commission immediately announced that Rocky was barred for life in that state.

This yarn long had been current among those en rapport with boxing affairs. But THE RING had found it impossible to get official confirmation from Washington.

Publication of the facts found the NBA howling in anguish.

Why hadn't someone told it about the Army matter? Why hadn't the New York Commission sent its revelations to the NBA? Bologny!

Well, there is no sense in going over all that again. The NBA had been hit, and hit hard. So it decided to conduct a double poll, among its members and among the boxing fans, to find out what to do about Graziano. And about half of the NBA states have decided to permit Rocky to fight if he can get action in each state.

And that's how matters stand. Graziano still is under suspension by the New York Commission. He has been barred out of Miami, where the American Legion protested against a third match with Zale being staged in that locale.

However, Graziano is the official middleweight champion of the world. He got the title the hard way, by knocking out Zale and so far as THE RING is concerned, no one can deprive him of that title except by beating him in a ring battle.

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THE Graziano matter was not the only one to harass the New York Commission during the year.

In November, Jake LaMotta, contender for the middleweight title, never before knocked out, was rocked out by Bill Fox in the Garden in New York, in the fourth round.

There were many suspicious looking circumstances. The betting had taken a strange turn in the last three or four hours.

There were hints that LaMotta had not done his best. There were hints of a betting coup. There were insinuations that LaMotta had not trained.

LaMotta came before the New York Commission and was suspended. Lt.-Col. Eagan and his associates had no proof against LaMotta. But they did discover that he had been seeing a doctor. He should have told the Commission *(Continued on page 34)*

HANDWRITING *on* WALL *for* CHAMPION JOE LOUIS

Joe's Sour Experience in Disappointing Fight With Walcott Stressed the Fact That the Bomber Was Near the End of His Glory

By NAT FLEISCHER

THE handwriting is on the wall for Joe Louis. The Brown Bomber is as convinced as is the general public that his days as world heavyweight king are numbered.

After ten years' reign as champion, it took an older man than himself, Joe Walcott of Camden, New Jersey, to convince the monarch that he had better retire if he hopes to remain undefeated. As a result of the split verdict victory that Louis gained over Jersey Joe in Madison Square Garden on the night of December 5, one of the greatest controversies in the wake of a heavyweight title bout since the second Tunney-Dempsey fight is on.

The Bomber retained his crown by virtue of the votes of two judges, Marty Monroe, who gave Louis nine rounds to six for Walcott, and Frank Forbes, who voted eight rounds for the champion, six for the challenger and one even. Referee Ruby Goldstein, who did a splendid job in handling the big fellows, tabbed Walcott the winner seven to six, and two even.

The Camden veteran lost so far as the majority of the officials were concerned. But in the eyes of more than two thirds of the press rows and fans who attended the fight, Walcott should have received the verdict.

The booing and hissing following the announcement of the winner, the thousands of telegrams and telephone calls that flooded the Boxing Commission, the Garden, the Governor's mansion at Albany, and the box office, testified to the belief that the richest prize in pugilism belongs to bald-headed Jersey Joe.

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I AM one of those in the minority. My score card showed Louis the winner by a margin of 8 to 6 rounds and one even, though my point score had Walcott ahead. Thus I side with Forbes and Monroe. Had the bout taken place in any state where the point system rules, I would have declared Walcott the winner. But since the New York rules call for a decision to be rendered on a round-by-round basis except where the rounds are even, Louis gained the victory.

In New York, the rules read:

"At the end of the contest, the boxer winning the greatest number of rounds shall be declared the winner. Should it develop that both contestants have an equal number of rounds won, the decision may be given to the one who has the greater number of points. Should the points also be even, the officials may award the decision to the contestant who is in the better physical condition at the end of the bout.

"It shall be discretionary with ring officials to award the decision to the boxer who has a lesser number of rounds than his opponent only in cases where in the judgment of the ring officials said contestant has inflicted the greater amount of damage and has proven his definite superiority over the opponent during the contest and has finished in a better physical condition. The total points of such a winner shall be more than those of his opponent."

It was on the last section of the boxing rules that Joe Webster, Walcott's manager, based his claim that Forbes erred in awarding the verdict to Louis since his point score tallied twelve for Walcott and nine for Louis. But Webster's claim was tossed out by the commission.

In Forbes' judgment there was no reason for him to use his discretion and award Walcott the fight on points because, as Forbes said, the rounds given to Louis, based on the fact that he carried the fight to his challenger and landed the greater number of blows, were sufficient to earn the verdict.

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THE Eagan point system calls for three points to be given the fighter who scores a clean knockdown and since Jersey Joe performed this feat twice, and since the remainder of the fight was exceedingly close, he rolled up a bigger point score than did Louis.

Those who scored the bout in favor of the challenger, apparently failed to take into consideration that notwithstanding the two knockdowns of the champion, it was he who did practically all the leading and landed by far the greater number of punches. True, Louis was slow, missed frequently and exhibited little of the greatness which made him famous. But it must be admitted that he carried the fight to his opponent, and had he fought a counter battle, as did Jersey Joe, there would have been no fight at all.

I am taking no credit away from the Jersey veteran, father of six children, a 10 to 1 underdog in the betting, for he pulled the unexpected and thrilled the crowd by dropping the champ twice. But in my book, a challenger seeking to dethrone the king, must challenge and not act the part of the defender of the crown.

Walcott fought on the defensive most of the time. Tossing sneak punches, riding the bicycle in an effort to avoid contact with his opponent, in my book does not win a championship. Had Walcott attempted to fight his man in the last two rounds, he would have carried off the highest fistic honors in pugilism, but by playing it safe and acting the part of one who had already won the title and was now defending it, he lost whatever chance he might have had to carry off the plum.

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THOSE who cried that Walcott was robbed, put in the claim that his performance was a clever defensive one. Here again we differ with the majority. There is a vast difference between clever defensive tactics and riding a bicycle or running away from danger, as Walcott did. Never in the long history of boxing has a challenger won the crown by retreating, sometimes in double-quick time before the ever-advancing champion.

Louis was awful. He was awkward. He looked foolish as he tried to catch up with the sprinting Jerseyite. His timing was terrible and his coordination was lacking.

He was listless. He often looked bewildered as he tried to get close enough for action. He gave the worst exhibition in his entire career since becoming champion, yet it must be acknowledged that it was Joe Walcott's sprinting that made the champ look so foolish and awkward. A retreating fighter, avoiding the offensive charges of his rival, without offering a counter-attack except occasionally, as did Jersey Joe, cannot be credited with winning rounds. In the case of Louis, he missed frequently and his aggressiveness failed to carry with it effectiveness, yet he was making the fight.

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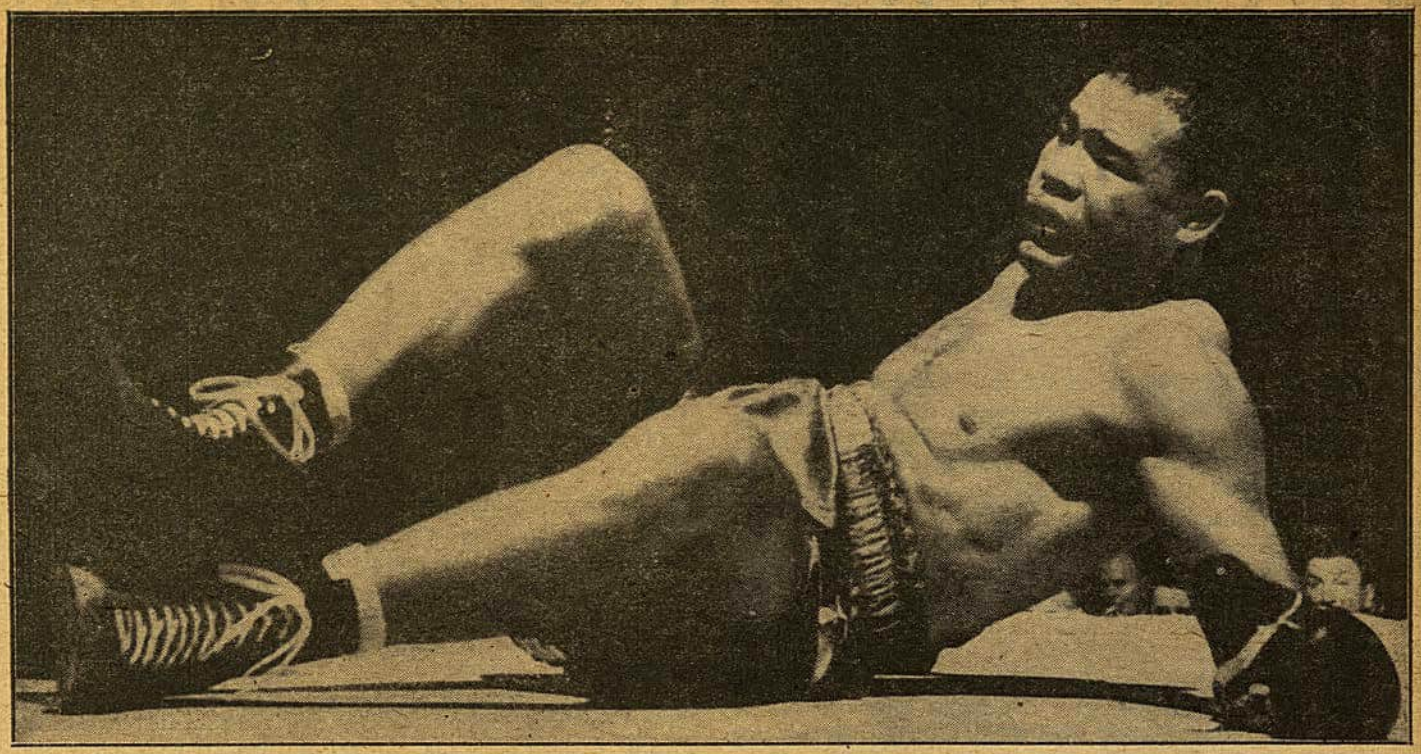
THE bout in many respects was a reminder of the first Louis-Pastor contest in which Bob was urged by his manager, Jimmy Johnston, to keep away from Joe by circling the ring in every round. Bob kept in full flight for ten rounds while Louis tired in chasing him. But the Brown Bomber of that period was sturdy of



Joe Louis dropped to the canvas by a right hand punch in the fourth round, takes a count of seven. Note look of agony on Joe's face.

limb, youthful, full of vim, not the rusty ring gladiator who was fighting his first battle in fourteen months and who regarded Walcott, his opponent, an easy victim, a set-up to whom he had referred as such when the match was made.

There are those who argue that Santa Claus visited Louis quite early and with them we have no argument. The battle swung like a pendulum. It was Jersey Joe who supplied the fireworks. It was he whose knockdowns of the champion supplied all the drama. But in between the drama and the staggering blows that Walcott at times landed, that puffed Joe's left eye almost to a closing point and drew claret from his nose, there were rounds with little activity, practically no fighting, rounds in which the spectators saw only the plodding Joe Louis pressing the fight to his opponent, persistently pursuing a flighty challenger. Those were the rounds which had to be credited to the champ and they counted just as much in the final tally as did the first and fourth in which Walcott dropped Louis, and which Walcott won.

The flood of protests following the decision was greater than any within my memory. In the last fifty years only the Dempsey-Tunney "long count" contest in Chicago compared in international controversy to the latest heavyweight championship affair. The boos that followed the verdict in the Garden, shook the rafters of the House that Tex built.

It was the first time in Joe Louis' career that he found the fans against him. He himself thought that he had lost the battle when immediately following the clang of the last gong he attempted to leave the ring, but in his dressing room, he declared that he wanted to get out of the ring because he was disgusted with his exhibition, and not because he thought he had lost.

"I feel that I won the fight. A man can't win the championship by running away," he said.

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BY LASTING fifteen rounds and coming within a hair's-breadth of winning the title, Walcott made a sucker out of the sports scribes around the country, who had predicted an early exit via the knockout route for the veteran. Contrary to expectation, the Jerseyite not only displayed no fear, as had most of those who had clashed with the champ, but made the Bomber look ridiculous as the latter went haywire trying to catch up with the flying challenger.

Scaling 194½ pounds to Louis' 211, Walcott entered the ring with few on his side except his own camp. He was a 21 to 1 underdog but after the first round, when he put Louis on the deck, those odds quickly receded.

Despite the retention of his crown, a ten-year era of Louis' invincibility was ended with the Walcott battle. His speed and his lethal wallop are gone and he proved that any fighter with courage, speed and a deadly right hand, can take the crown from him. He had no defense for Walcott's right, the blow that almost closed the Bomber's left eye and did all of the damage to the champ.

In previous bouts when Louis was hurt, he quickly set about to prove to his opponent that he, not the challenger, was the master. It didn't take Louis long to jump to the kill and put his man away. He did this in fourteen of his previous title defenses, but against Walcott he seemed dazed, and at times even scared, after Jersey Joe landed a hard blow.

Particularly evident was this in the first and fourth rounds, when the champ took a count of two and seven, respectively. The ferocity of past years was not in evidence. Father Time has caught up with the man who has been rated one of the greatest heavyweights of all time.

Jersey Joe now takes his place with Tony Galento, Jimmy Braddock, Buddy Baer, Max Schmeling among the opponents who put the great Detroit slugger on the canvas, an honor of which he can always boast. He now basks in the spotlight, suddenly risen from obscurity to the most talked of man in pugilism. To the world-at-large he is regarded as the "uncrowned champion" and as such, he has gained a place in the "Fistic Hall of Fame." A fortune awaits him despite his defeat, probably a greater one as the "victim" of what he and his mentors claim an unfair decision, than had he won the title.

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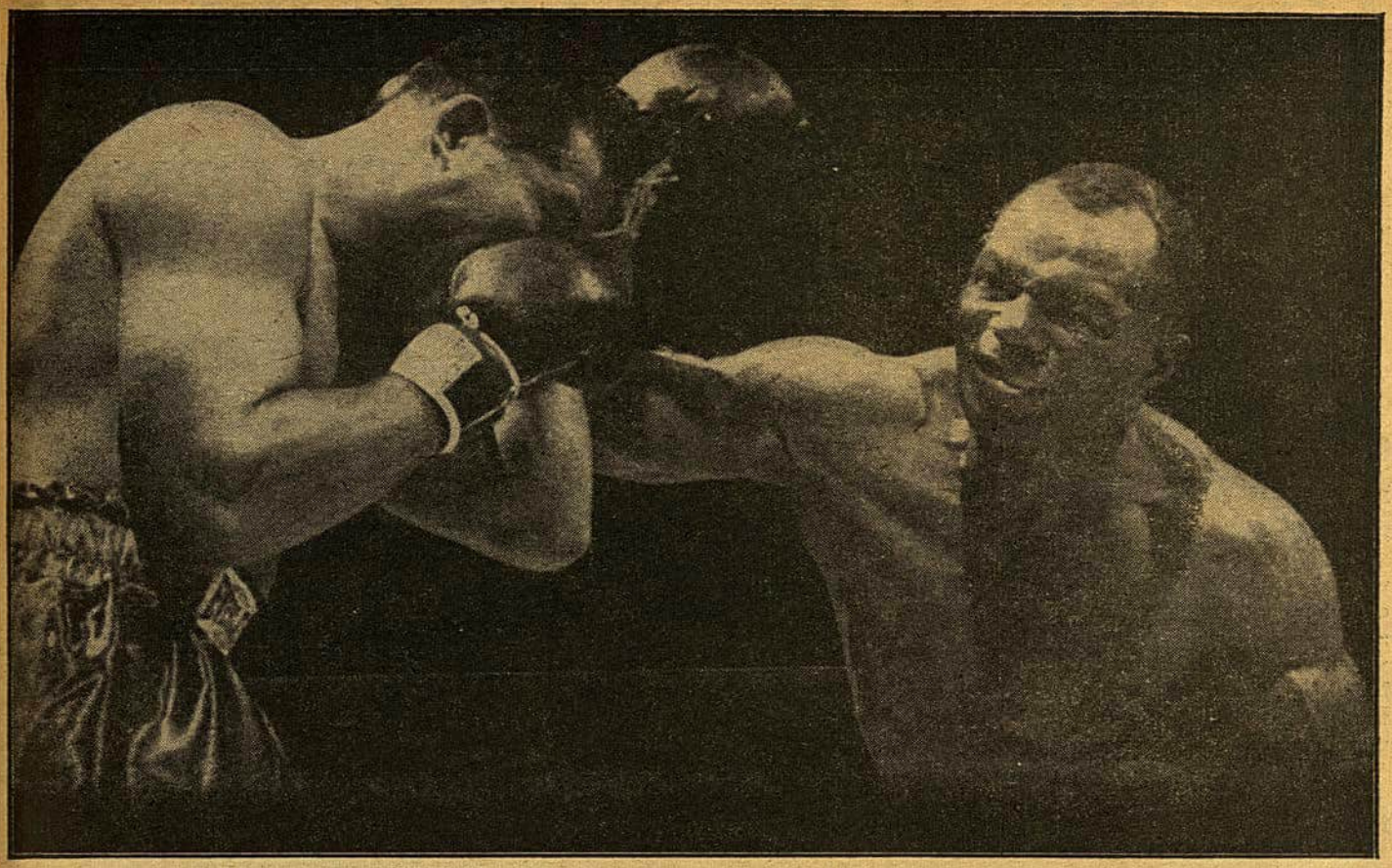
NO LONGER does Sol Strauss have to look for an opponent for Louis for next summer. No longer is it necessary to cater to Olle Tandberg, Joe Baksi or Gus Lesnevich as possible challengers for the summer outdoor match for the champ. There is only one challenger now and his name is Jersey Joe Walcott. He and Louis next summer in the Yankee Stadium will play to a two-million-dollar house. The return engagement will yield a fortune to both champ and challenger. It is a natural.

On what Louis did in his latest battle, he hasn't much left. A fellow cannot go on forever and Louis has begun to realize



The World's Heavyweight King is blocking a right hand blow tossed by challenger Joe Walcott in eleventh round.

this. If he sticks around much longer, he'll never retire as the undefeated king. Someone will tag him for keeps and that someone is possibly Jersey Joe Walcott next summer.

At thirty-three years of age, he is definitely on the down-grade. The man who knocked out twenty-one out of twenty-three opponents, fourteen in succession in title competition, the Dark Destroyer whose presence in the opposite corner often "froze" the challenger even before the clang of the first gong, learned in the Walcott mill the truth of the Jack Johnson statement that the Bomber was a sucker for a right-cross, with which Schmeling knocked him out because he had no airtight defense.

The late heavyweight king was often criticized and abused for pointing out the faults of Joe Louis, but everything he ever said about the Brown Bomber's weaknesses were on display in the Garden battle.

Joe's reflexes were particularly bad in the contest with Walcott and he was an open target for a left-hook to the head and jaw. Jack Johnson pointed these out to Jack Blackburn six years ago in my presence and all that Johnson then revealed was plainly on view before a gathering of 18,194 fans who paid the record indoor Garden gate of $216,477, which eclipsed the mark of $201,465 established by Jack Delaney and Jim Maloney in 1927.

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THREE of the fifteen rounds were thrillers—the first, fourth and ninth, in which the action had the fans in a state of frenzy. The packed arena regarded the opening round as a forerunner of what was in store for them, and as a result there was tenseness, anxiety, expectancy. Though in a number of rounds there was a lack of activity for as much as a minute and a half, the fans were enjoying every minute of the show because of the unexpected display of courage by the underdog.

They followed every move of the challenger, eagerly awaiting an upset. Following the fourth-round knockdown of Louis the huge gathering became more tense than ever. Now they were sure that a new champion would be crowned and every blow that Walcott landed, every sidestep that he made which caused Louis to miss, the discomfiture of the champ as he tried desperately to catch up with his challenger—all kept up the deep, intense interest in the fight. The suspense grew as the rounds piled up.

In some of the rounds which Louis won, had Walcott elected to fight it out with the champion instead of back-pedaling, he might have enjoyed the distinction of being the new world's champ instead of being the third man to last fifteen rounds with Louis. Arturo Godoy and Tommy Farr went the route.

The tenseness of the crowd was demonstrated in the most unusual and heavy silence that turned into a roar of hisses when the verdict was returned. Walcott was the hero that night and they wanted to let him know how they felt. It was cruel to hiss Louis, as clean and gallant a fighter as ever graced the ring, but this aged and bald family man had won his spurs in that battle with the Brown Bomber so far as that Garden throng was concerned.

Walcott floored Joe in the opening session with a clean right to the jaw after Louis had shaken the challenger with a right, one of the few he tossed at Walcott, that grazed Jersey Joe's chin. Walcott stepped out of range, suddenly turned and crashed the right that caused the champ to hit the rosin dust.

Louis came up in a jiffy, but looked bewildered as he faced his opponent. Walcott, unlike others who have fought the Bomber, didn't run away. He avoided the champ's lunges and let go a right and a left and another right that staggered Louis and the crowd roared its approval for this was a novelty, seeing a challenger who could do that to the champion.

Louis, befuddled, tossed terrific rights and lefts at his opponent's jaw but they missed while Walcott continued a steady rain of rights and lefts to face and forehead. It was a round that caused onlookers to gasp in astonishment and made them feel that at least this show would be one worth while no matter how short it might be.

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LOUIS tried desperately to make up for lost ground when he rushed out of his corner to meet Walcott at the start of the second, but Walcott outboxed him and took that round also. Jersey Joe's left jab kept the champ busy *(Continued on page 47)*

PRIDE *and* GOLD DELAY BOMBER'S RETIREMENT

By SID FEDER

JOE LOUIS' pride—the pride of a champion—and a shot at the large slice of a $2,000,000 gate, enough to blot up all his red ink, are the only reasons Gus Q. Fan will get another look at the Brown Bomber in action.

It isn't generally known, but Joe's jam session with Jersey Joe Walcott on December 5 was to have been the test that would have decided whether or not he'd call it a career and hang up his gloves.

If he looked bad, he would, in all likelihood, have wrapped it up and retired to his golf game. One of the top men in Joe's official family tipped you off to that just before he started the slippery ride down from his camp in the snow for the weigh-in for the Walcott fight. The folks closest to him knew he'd gone back. They want him to quit at the top, especially since, before the Walcott fight, the prospects for a June 1948 title defense weren't anything to warm the heart of a cash register.

There's no doubt Louis looked bad, woefully bad, against Jersey Joe. So, if he'd caught Walcott in, say, the ninth round, when he had the Jerseyan against the ropes, and had been able to put over the crusher there, he would, as likely as not, have rung down the curtain.

But no one expected, of course, that Walcott was going to win everything but the decision, that Louis was going to put up the worst show of his career, and that judges Marty Monroe and Frank Forbes were going to play Santa Claus and give him the biggest present he ever got—his heavyweight championship.

This, incidentally, caused the loudest protest probably in ring history by wire, phone and mail from thousands of fans to Governor Dewey, the State Athletic Commission, the newspapers and the 20th Century Sporting Club. One of the very few nice things that can be said about it is that it made Ruby Goldstein, who cast the referee's ballot for Walcott, stand out as one of the top third-men in the business. Ruby is a particular friend of Louis since they made a tour together in the Army. But Ruby has only one policy in refereeing a fight. He insists, "I call 'em as I see 'em."

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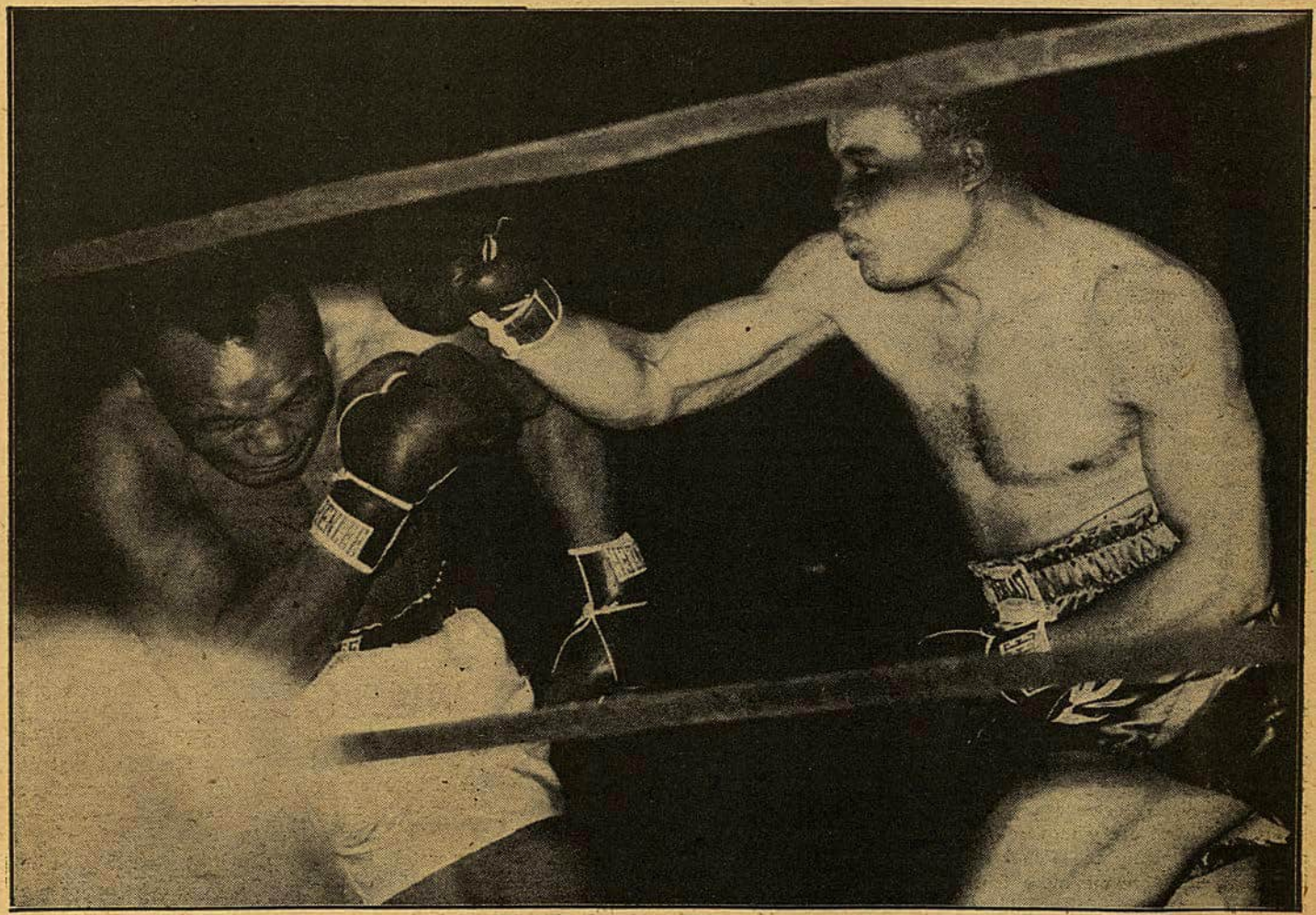
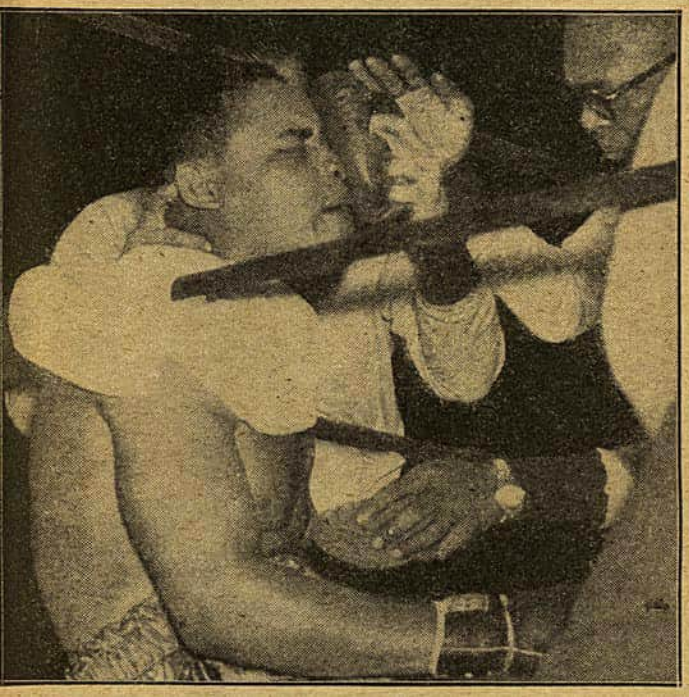
THE customers booed Louis at the finish—the first time in his life. Just why the gallery bugs should climb on Joe, who has been in a class by himself as a sportsman and champion, is about as clear as pea soup, inasmuch as Joe had nothing to do with the officials' votes. *(Continued on page* 48)

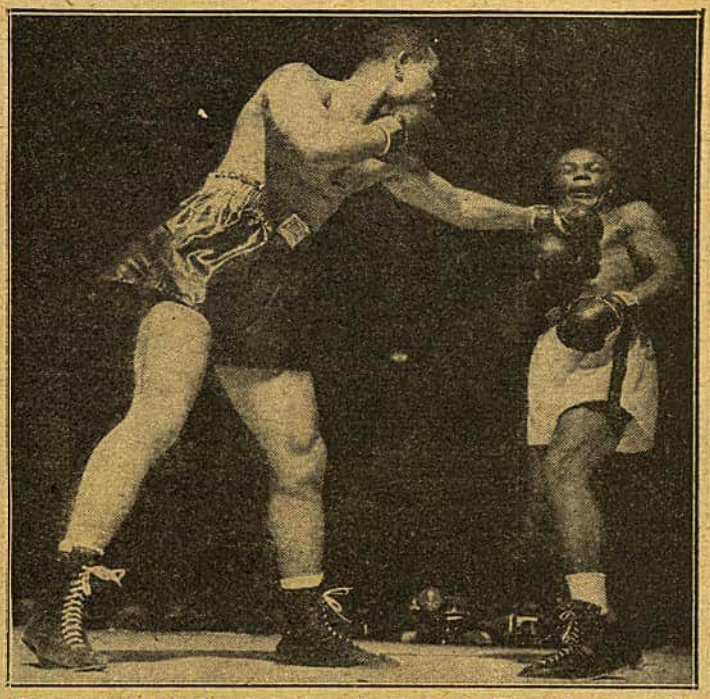


Jersey Joe Walcott winces as Joe Louis lands a hard right in the first. Shortly after, Jersey Joe retaliated by dropping the champ to the canvas.

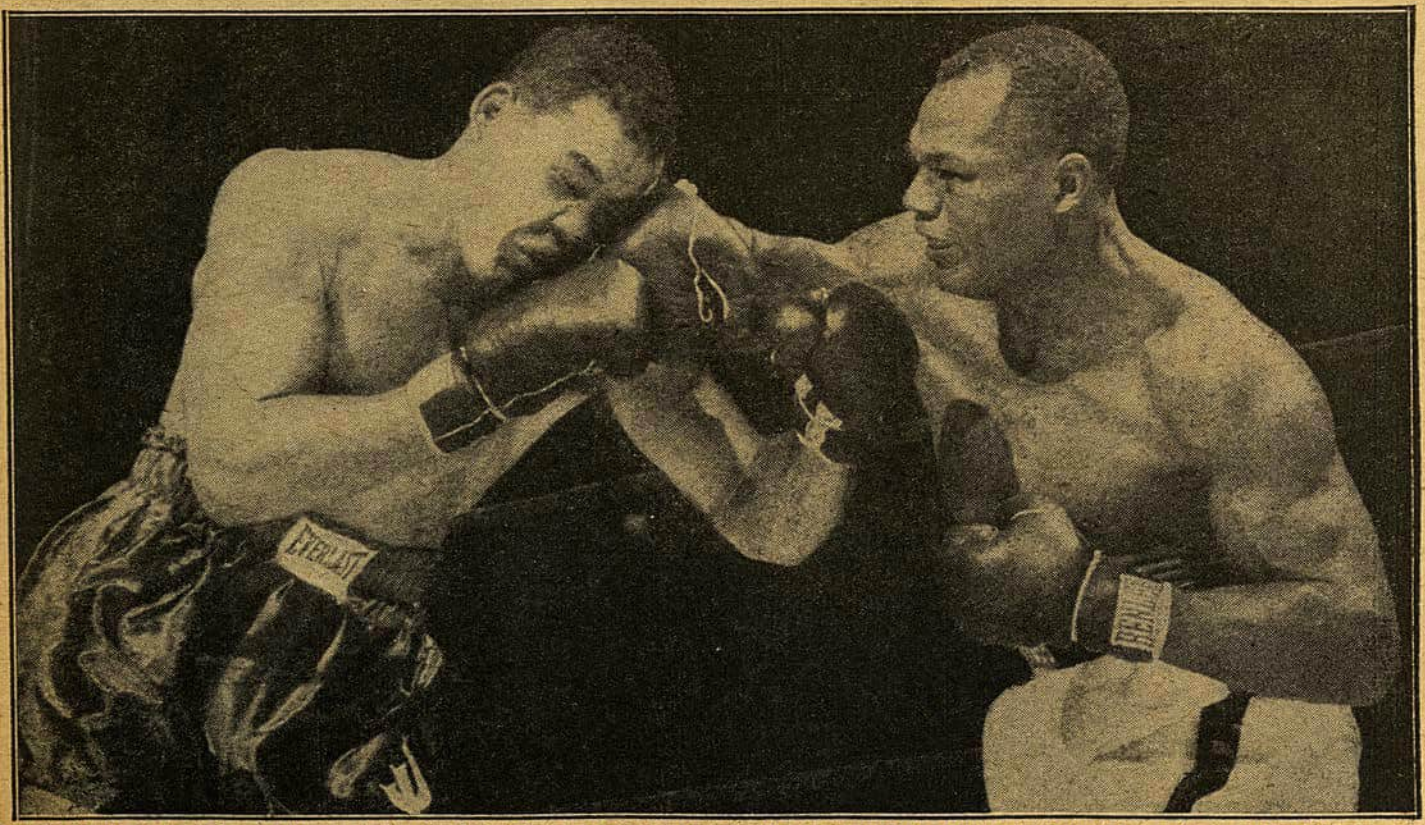
RINGSIDE SHOTS *of* LOUIS-WALCOTT BOUT



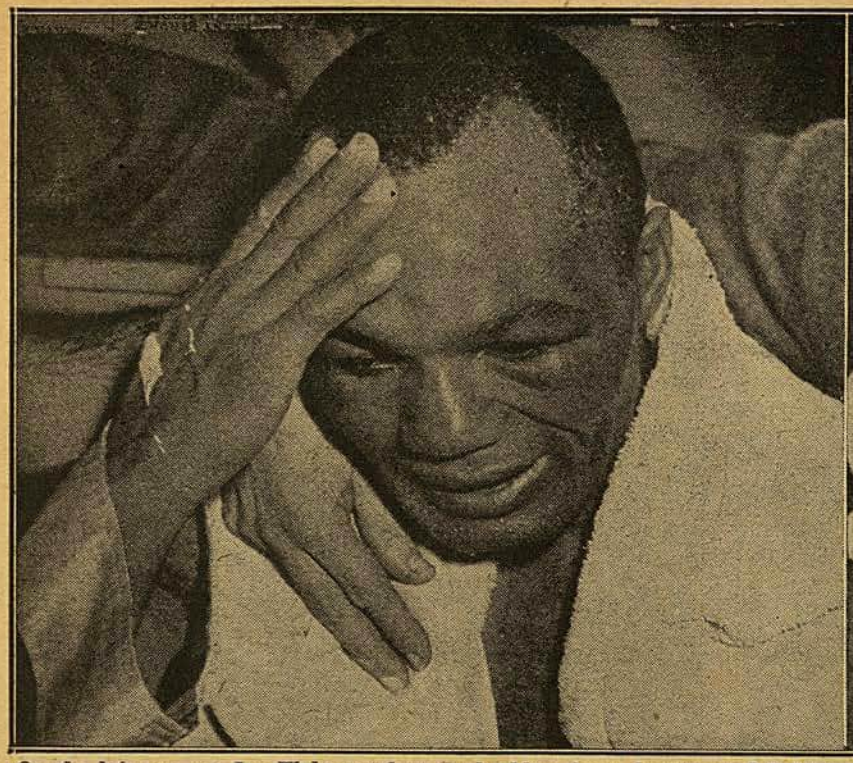
An ice bag is applied to the swollen left eye of Joe Louis between rounds in the twelfth session, when it began to close. The right of Jersey Joe Walcott found this target as early as the first round and thereafter the challenger kept aiming for it. The champion had no defense for this blow, as it landed often.

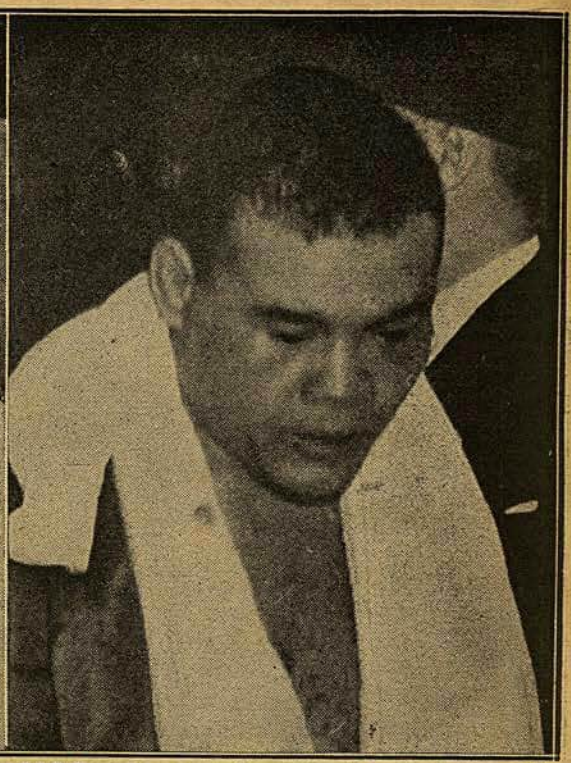


The champion is the champion of old, in the fifteenth round. He just has staggered Walcott with a rough left to the jaw. This was one of the very few occasions on which Louis looked like the Louis who had won the title so gloriously and who had retained it so many times with equal elan.

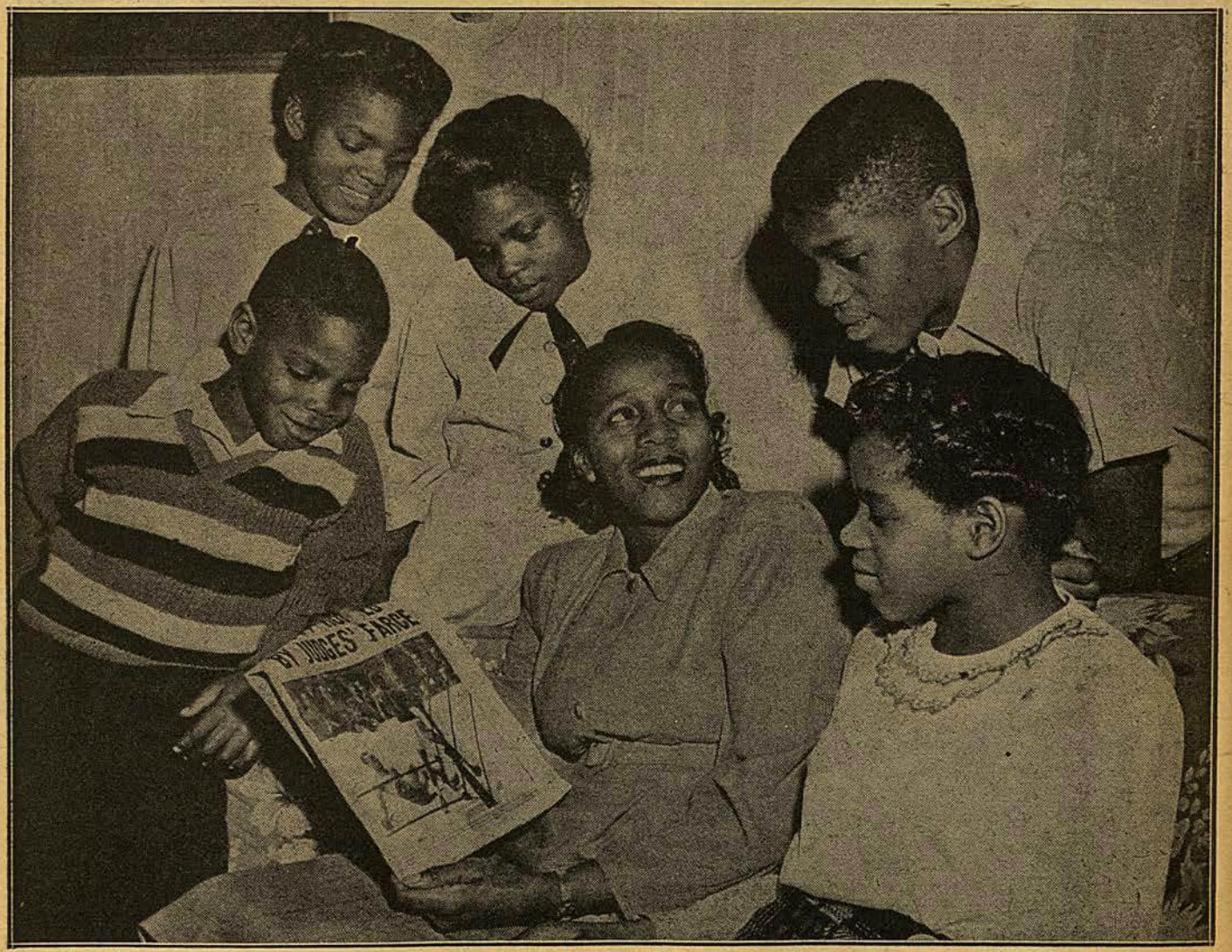


Louis hurt. The champion messed up. A Walcott right to the head has injured the Bomber. Something strange, something new, something odd. Walcott looks like the Louis of yore, Louis looks like Joe Doakes in a revolving door.





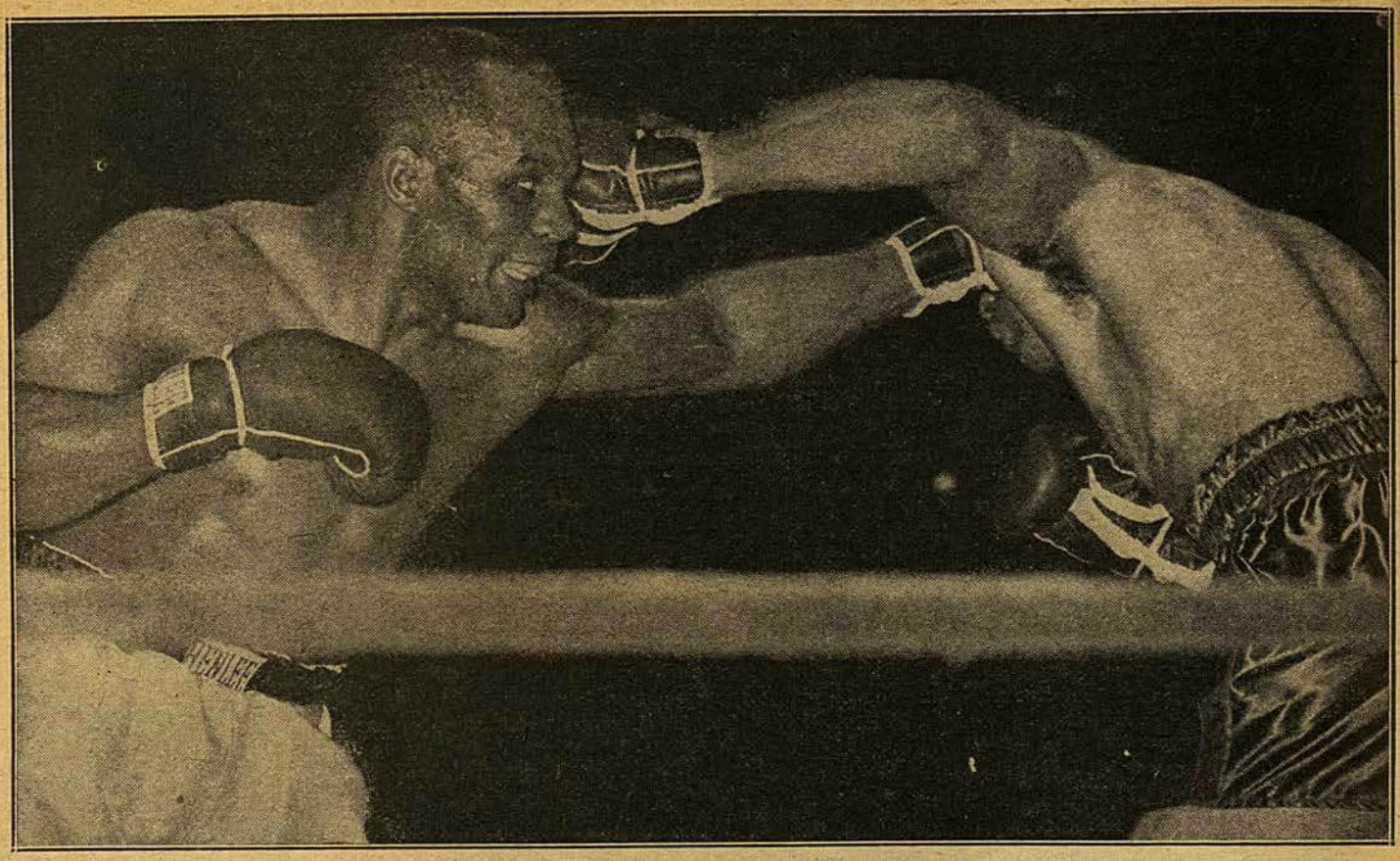
On the left you see Joe Walcott aghast at the blow from destiny, and judges, which kept him from becoming the new heavyweight champion of the world. At the right, a much bedraggled, tarnished Louis, with eye shut, hardly a glorious champion.

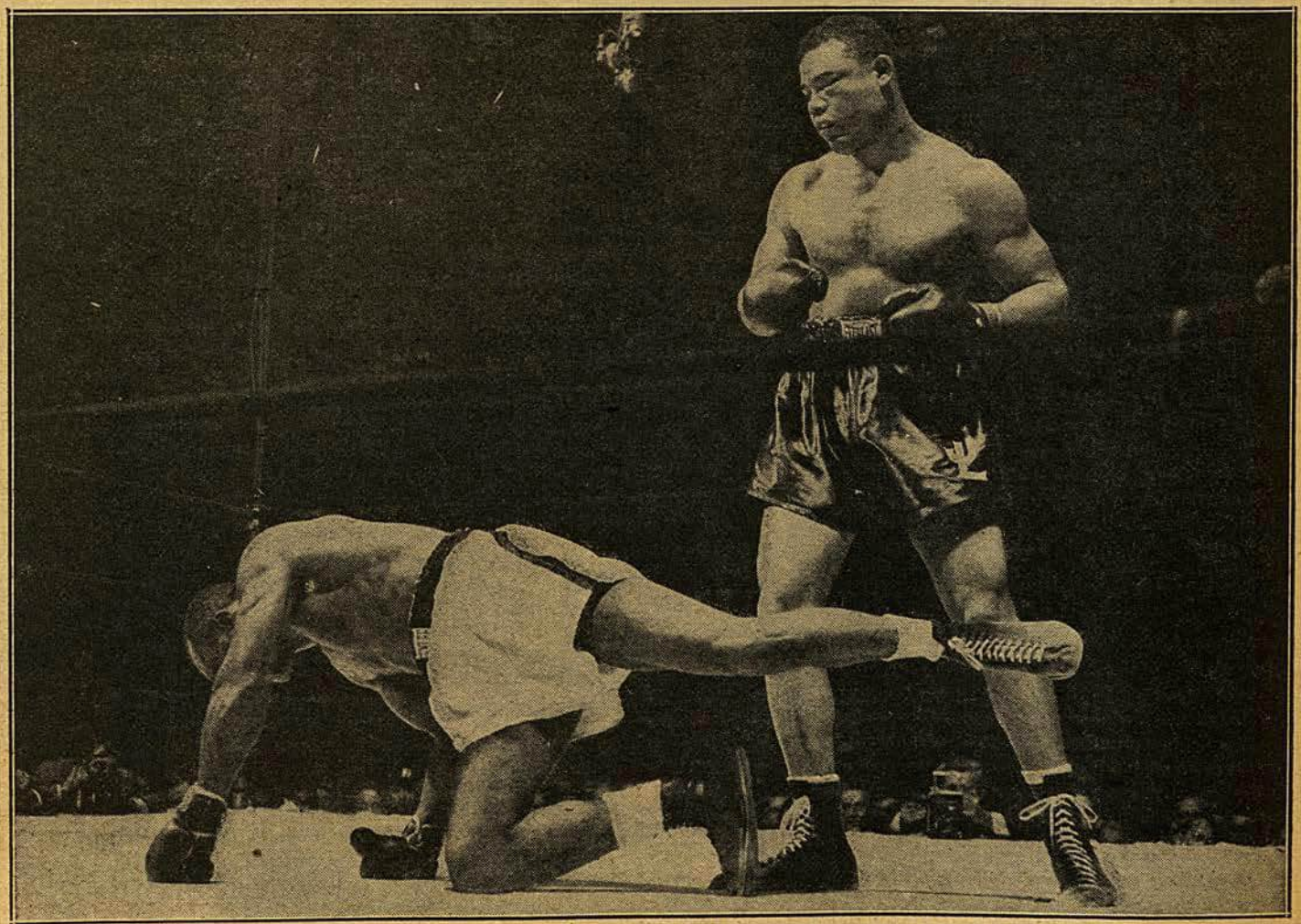


The day after. Walcott's family exulting over the Jersey heavyweight's amazing showing against Louis. The Walcotts are at home in Camden, N. J. Grouped around Ma, left to right, are Vincent, Ruth, Doris, Elva and Arnold, Jr. A sixth Walcott child was missing when the picture was taken.

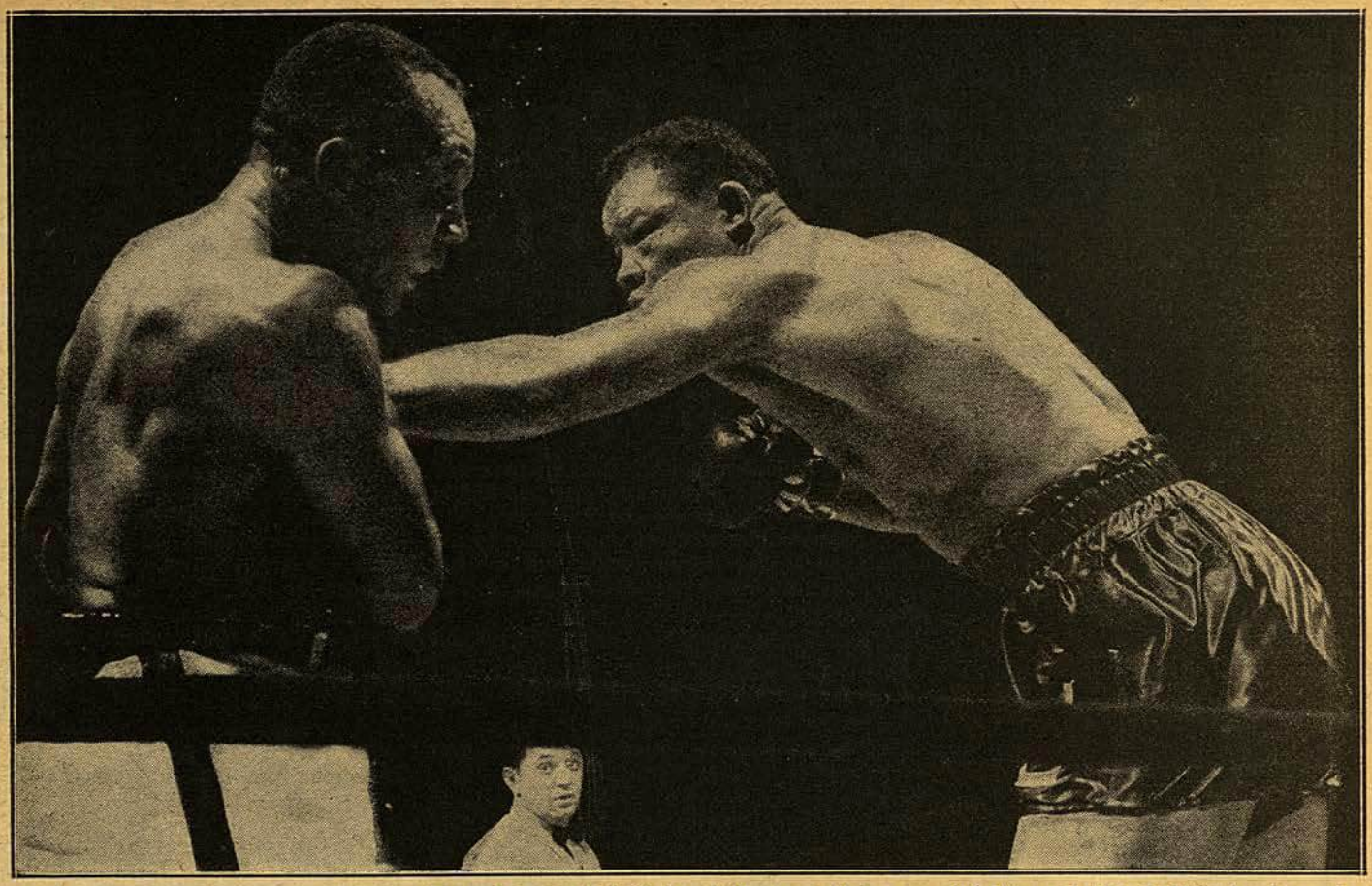
Prior to his knockdown in the fourth round, Louis also had been floored by Walcott in the first. Being dropped was no new experience for Louis, but it was the first time in more than ten years, in fact since his pre-championship defeat by Max Schmeling that Joe had been toppled off his feet more than once by an opponent.

Here is a picture of the big round of the Louis-Walcott fight, the Round of the Year in world boxing. It is the session of the big knockdown, the round in which the champion took a count of seven. You see him toppled by a right to the jaw, taking the count, then arising, somewhat amazed. 1, Louis down, with Walcott skipping for a neutral corner, and Referee Ruby Goldstein counting. 2, Louis is seen struggling to get back on his feet. 3, the champion rolls over and, in 4, struggles to his knees. 5, the Bomber seems in a prayerful attitude as he listens to the count of seven. 6, Louis gets back on his feet. Goldstein grabs his gloves to wipe the resin off them before letting the action resume. A champion down for the count of seven!

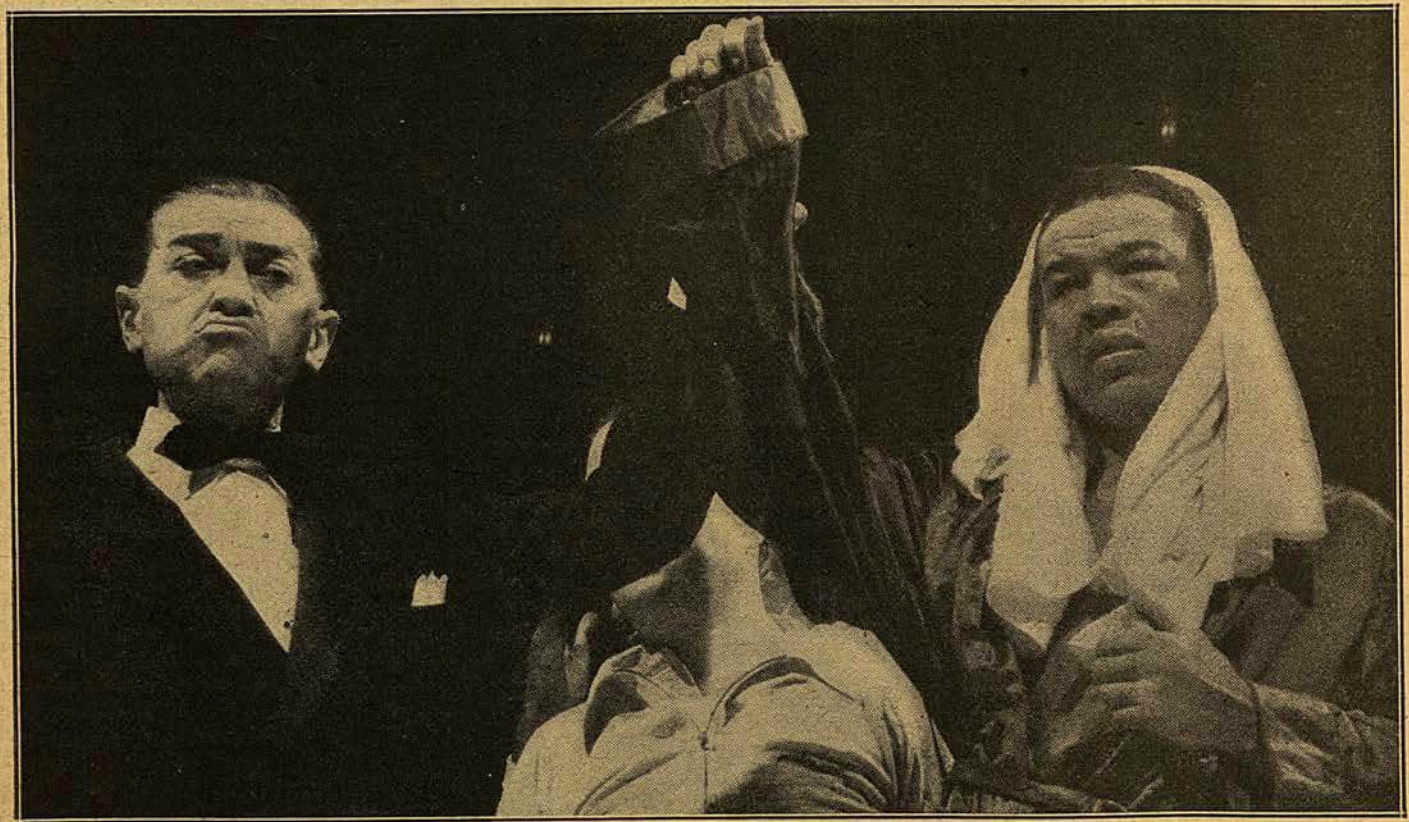




Top—Walcott and Louis hard at it in the exciting fourth round. They have exchanged lefts to the head and the fans are agog, raving. Bottom—Here you see Walcott slip to hands and knees after he has missed in an effort to duplicate his fourth round knockdown. This slip happened in the thirteenth.



Walcott not so joyous at this moment. Louis has just jolted the challenger with a powerful left to the head. This shook up the Jerseyman so that the water went spraying from his noggin. A Louis moment in a hot fight. In this round, the ninth, the champion made his best showing. He forced the challenger into a corner and then kept firing away but Jersey Joe took all the Bomber had and was mighty glad when the round ended.

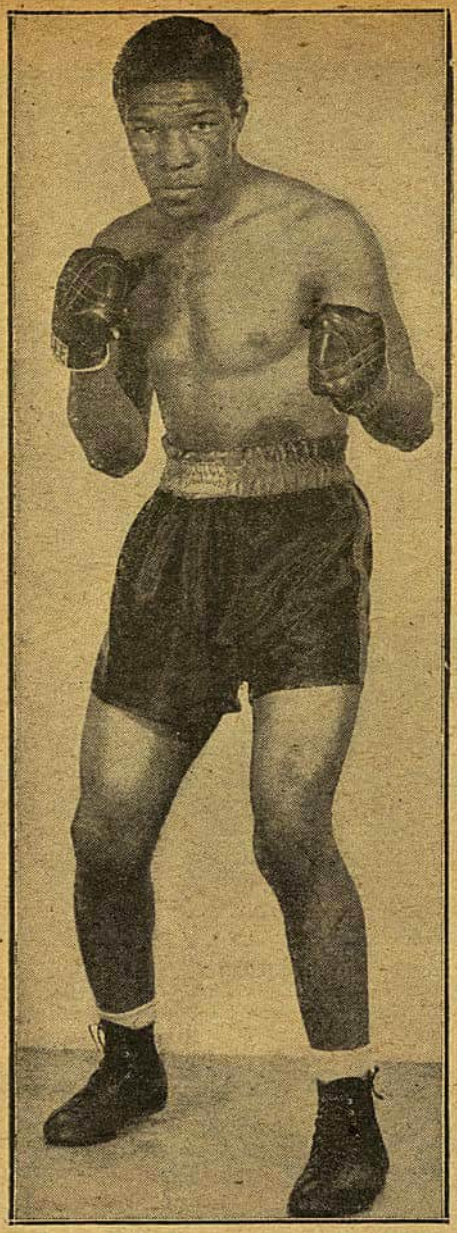


The fight is over. Announcer Harry Balogh holds the champion's right arm aloft. Louis has obtained the decision. But what you cannot see in this picture are the hoots and hisses of the crowd. Louis does not appear to be any too happy about the whole thing. It was the first time in his entire career that the champion found himself in such a position. The huge Garden gathering thought that Jersey Joe should have carried off the verdict and gave full vent to its feelings by cheering for the Jerseyite and hooting the title holder.

LYTELL TOPS *among* SERVICEMEN

Bert, Who Learned His Fighting in the Navy and Laverne Roach, Graduate of Marine Corps, Have Made the Greatest Progress

By EDDIE MERRILL



Bert Lytell, an outstanding middleweight.

ONE of the real surprises of recent ring activities has been the strange dearth of outstanding boxers to come out of the second World War. There were far more service ringmen developed in the first World War than there were in the recent conflagration. A wide and diversified assortment of reasons has been offered for this phenomenon, but probably the most logical is that the lads who served during the 1941-1945 conflagration were kept too busy with their strenuous military campaigns to have much time for cultivating what fistic talents they may have had.

Most of today's ring headliners—Joe Louis, Gus Lesnevich, Tony Zale, Ray Robinson and Willie Pep, to list only the better known of the many boxers who saw service in the armed forces—were already established stars before donning the uniform.

It was freely predicted that out of the war would come scores, perhaps hundreds, of ambitious youngsters capable of hitting the high spots in boxing's scheme of things. But so far those who have given indications of developing into something better than ordinary performers can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

Probably the biggest disappointment has been Al Hoosman, who received tremendous publicity during the war, and was highly touted by Americans and Australians who had seen him carry off many titles in the rings of the South Pacific. For a time, after his return home, it appeared that Hoosman, a tall, rangy boy, might get somewhere in the heavyweight picture. Under Jimmy Johnston's astute managerial and ballyhoo wing, Al did show fine promise in his early professional bouts. But apparently he just didn't "have it." He was fairly fast for a big fellow, possessed a good left hand, and punched well with his right, but he was the sort to become "discouraged" too easily. He didn't like to be hit. Very little has been heard of him since he acted as sparring partner for Joe Louis when the Bomber was preparing for his second bout with Billy Conn.

Laverne Roach, a middleweight, former Marine, who has been named tops among the younger crop.

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OF the other heavyweights, Bernie Reynolds may yet make good, despite his recent defeat by Jackie Cranford, but Bernie still has a long way to go. He is a strong, rugged lad; an aggressive, willing mixer, and a stiff puncher with either hand. But he hasn't been too quick to pick up "ring savvy," and doesn't think fast enough. This is an important detail that may be attended to with the proper experience. Reynolds is a product of the Army.

Cranford, who defeated Reynolds, cannot be regarded as a service development. Jackie already was a professional, with perhaps a dozen bouts under his fistic belt, before he joined the Marines. Cranford is a good boxer for a big fellow, but doesn't appear to be too rugged, and his inability to stand up under heavy punishment probably will keep him from going very far.

Perhaps the best of those who actually started their ring careers in the service is Bert Lytell, the Fresno, California, southpaw middleweight, who learned his boxing in the Navy. Lytell rates, and deservedly so, as one of the outstanding contenders for the world title.

The only other service product who shapes up as a possibility for headline status is Laverne Roach, a graduate of the Marine Corps. Incidentally, several of Roach's early amateur bouts in Albuquerque, New Mexico, were refereed by THE RING Editor, who awarded Laverne a special prize as the boy who showed the most promise. Roach won several championships in the Marine Corps, and also many amateur tournaments while stationed in the South, and since turning professional he has made consistent strides toward the top of the middleweight division. Roach is the rookie of the year, the fighter who has made the greatest progress among the younger crop.

It is interesting to delve into the past and see what some of the graduates of the

Army, Navy and Marine Corps did as pros after learning their boxing while in uniform.

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BOXING is in the doldrums. Anyone who follows the sport closely, realizes that and will admit it, much as they dislike to say so. Many articles have appeared in recent publications giving reasons for the sudden drop in boxing interest and in attendance. Some base it on television and radio; others on poor matchmaking; still others on the exceptionally poor talent in the heavyweight division for it has been proved that when the heavyweight class is outstanding public interest in the sport is tops. Thus all other divisions are likewise active and boxing flourishes.

During the war period, when manufacturing plants were employing men and women at fabulous salaries and money was flowing like water through the hands of the temporary wealthy, it mattered little what talent appeared on a boxing card. The folks wanted entertainment as a relaxation from their war work and anything went.

When the conflict ended there was no let up for almost two years in attendance at fights throughout the country. Every hamlet had its fight club and its patronage, but when the easy dough was spent and the fans no longer were able to spend as freely, then those who continued to patronize boxing wanted something more for their dough than has-beens, stumble-bums, veterans who long had retired and made "comebacks" to cash in on some of the easy money flowing about.

The fans had heard and read so much about the many boys who had developed into fistic attractions in the various branches of the armed forces, lads who loomed as future champs, that they continued to patronize boxing in the hope of seeing these service stars make good. The boys came back, received many chances to show their wares, but flashed nothing to enthuse the fans. The failure of the lads to make good played a big part in the loss of interest in boxing.

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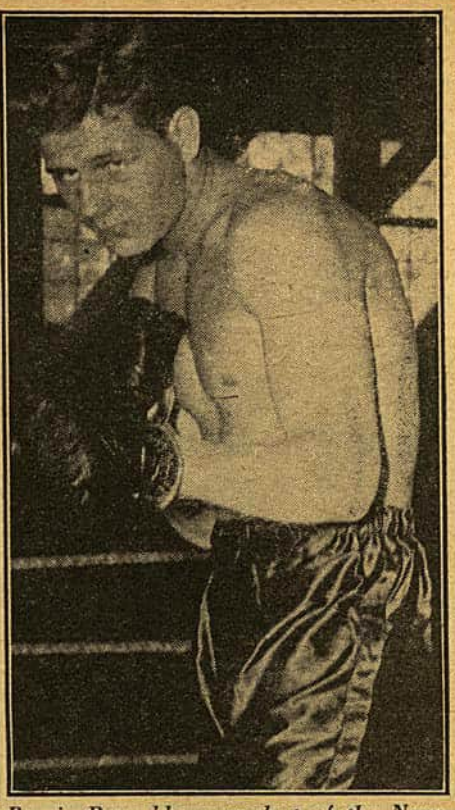
BACK in 1912, when the "White Hopes" were striving to outdo each other in an effort to make the grade for a championship battle, the British sent to us Bombardier Wells, a big, handsome six-footer, who had every asset of a good heavyweight except that he had a "glass chin."

In short, he couldn't take a wallop on the jaw without caving in. In his U.S. debut he was kayoed by Al Palzer in three rounds and then he stopped Tom Kennedy before returning home. Then the following year he came back for another tryout and this time Gunboat Smith laid him low in two rounds. That completed Wells' invasion of the U.S. The Bombardier was a product of the army where as an amateur he learned the science of self defense.

A few years later, when Tex Rickard was at the helm in boxing following the termination of World War I, England had another heavyweight who was a big drawing card at home, but who like Wells, had a china chin. He was flattened nine times and was dubbed "The Horizontal Champion" of England, a title that did not apparently affect his drawing power for he also won twenty-seven bouts via the kayo route. Heavyweight Joe Beckett never



Bernie Reynolds, a product of the Navy, who looms as a good pro prospect.

favored us with his presence, and though he was famed for the frequency with which he was floored for the full count, Tex Rickard astonished the New York scribes one day by telling them that he had a notion to give the oft-defeated Briton a chance to show in the Garden.

"I think he'd draw all right," opined Tex, "because a lot of folks have read so much about him being knocked out so often, they'd come to see how soon he'd flop here." But this unconventional proposition didn't get beyond the thinking stage.

Bartley Madden, who made his home in New York after World War I, was a regular in the British Army who saw service in India and later fought with the First Expeditionary Force and was in the retreat from Mons. Bartley, a good fighter both on the battlefield and in the ring, was one of hundreds of British boxers who joined the colors for the bloody conflict.

Though injured, he was among the fortunate who returned to civilian life when the war had ended and coming to America, he decided to take up the profession of boxing. Unlike other British heavyweights, he did exceptionally well for eleven years during which he clashed with the cream of our talent and gave a fine account of himself. He boxed no-decision bouts with such good men as Harry Greb, Bob Moha, Tom Gibbons, Bill Brennan and other glove-wielders of that era, but was stopped by Gene Tunney in three rounds at Minneapolis.

Like Bombardier Wells, Bartley began his boxing career by participating at military tournaments. Madden was well liked in New York. He often worked out with Jack Dempsey who took an interest in him. Of all the heavyweights who came to the U.S. from England, Madden and Tommy Farr were the only ones whose fighting qualities appealed to our fistic patrons. Madden in his early career was used as a "trial horse" for heavyweights.

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BACK in 1902 when James J. Jeffries reigned as heavyweight champion, the California boilermaker was touring the country with his old opponent from whom he took the crown, Bob Fitzsimmons. They gave sparring exhibitions and occasionally took on some ambitious chap who thought he could stick four rounds with the champ. At Butte, Montana, Jack Munroe, a miner, made a bid for fame. Munroe was a sturdy chap, scaling over 200, and standing five feet, eleven inches in his socks.

Jeffries had been taking life pretty easy for several months, and was not in good scrapping trim. Munroe did some effective rushing, and once, at close quarters, landed a left hook on Jim's jaw. Jeffries lost balance, more because his legs got crossed than from the blow, but he was down for a couple of seconds and the crowd naturally went wild at the unexpected sight. Jeffries finished strong and in an exceedingly bad temper, but he didn't stop the miner.

The following day the news of Munroe's exploit was telegraphed all over the country. Much unnecessary fuss was made over the incident, but it must be remembered that Jeff was considered invincible then, and had never before been knocked down in a ring. On the strength of his Butte showing, Munroe's services were immediately in demand. He kayoed Peter Maher in Philadelphia, stopped Al Limerick in four rounds at Boston, and was finally matched with Jeffries.

They met at San Francisco again on August 26, 1904, and Munroe put up an amazingly poor exhibition, scarcely landing a blow. He was knocked out in the second round. He looked as though he was scared half to death and the newspaper accounts of the affair were anything but complimentary to him. Some writers scornfully stamped him as a quitter. But what ailed him was probably a sort of "stage fright." At Butte, he had shown not the slightest trace of fear when facing the champion. At San Francisco, with the world's title at stake, and a big purse, the importance of the occasion was too much for him, and resulted in a nervous panic.

Munroe was thirty-seven years old when the first World War broke out in 1914. He enlisted at once in the Princess Pats, a Canadian regiment which went through the hardest of the fighting, and was twice almost wiped out. Munroe proved a regular bear-cat in hand-to-hand roughing. His favorite weapon, when going over the top, was a woodman's axe, which he wielded with devastating effect on the Huns.

Once, he went over a stretch of terrain under heavy fire from the German lines to save the life of a wounded officer whom he carried back to the trench, an action for which he was later decorated. He served from 1914 up to the latter part of 1918. Then a bullet through the right shoulder severed a nerve and deprived him of the use of his arm, and his soldiering days were over. Munroe may have looked bad before Jeffries, but his subsequent career most assuredly proved he was not devoid of real courage. He was one of the heroes of the war and was honored by the King and the Canadian Parliament for his battle-

field deeds. In Canada the name of Jack Munroe will never be forgotten when World War I heroes are discussed.

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ANOTHER mitt-battler who chose the field of crimson slaughter for new exertions, long after his battling ring days were behind him, was the veteran Australian heavyweight, Frank P. (Paddy) Slavin, known as the "Sydney Cornstalk," when he was the formidable rival of the great Peter Jackson. A slashing, two-handed killing walloper was Slavin, with the heart of a lion. He was backed by six feet, two inches of splendid brawn and sinew.

Paddy's battle with Jackson before the National Sporting Club of London, England, in 1892, lives in ring history as an epic-combat that gray-haired sports still refer to with admiring enthusiasm. The Negro wonder kayoed Slavin in the tenth frame, but Peter himself was several times on the verge of disaster. It was anybody's fight up to the last sensational moment.

Both of the principals absorbed a tremendous amount of punishment and it is a matter of record that neither was ever quite the same physically afterwards as a result of that gruelling mill. Jackson admitted this, and as a matter of fact, he did not fight again for nearly six years. In 1898 he was kayoed by Jim Jeffries in three rounds, and died at his old Australian home a short time later.

Slavin was out of the ring a little over three years, and signalled his reappearance in the squared circle by knocking out Frank Craig, the Harlem Coffee Cooler, in less than a round. Craig had been mowing down British heavies and middleweights with an ease that made him temporarily the terror of the English boxing world, and Slavin's victory created something of a sensation.

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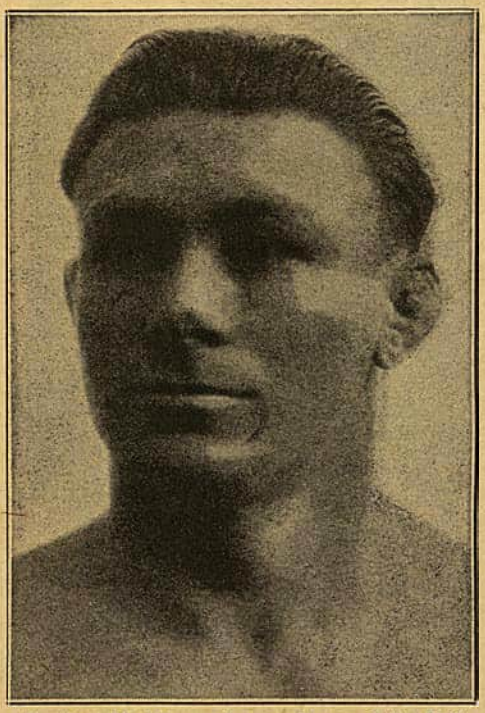
BUT in the same year Jem Hall, another product of the Australian ring, tackled his countryman, and put Slavin away in the seventh frame. From then on, Paddy's scrapping career was a mixture of ups and downs, mostly the latter.

His restless spirit led him to the Klondike and the search for gold. But he was never destined to strike it rich and when times were hard he was always willing to earn a few dollars between the ropes.

At Dawson City, in 1897, he won from Tom Lees, another gladiator raised in the Antipodes, taking a twenty round decision. In 1901 he dropped Yank Kenny in three rounds, and stopped Bill Devine in sixty seconds the year following. On December 7, 1907, he was knocked out by Nick Burley in two rounds at Victoria, B.C. It is worthy of note that the Sydney Cornstalk was then in his forty-fifth year, which, according to modern notions, anyway, is a bit over-ripe for active ring service.

Slavin was mining in the Klondike when the war thunderbolt struck in 1914. He was two years beyond the half century mark, nevertheless, he snuffed the battle-wind like a veteran cavalry charger, and metaphorically speaking, galloped to the scene of action. Or, to put it plainly, he lost no time in sailing for England, where he cheerfully swore twelve years off his real age and enlisted in the British Army.

The hardships of the trenches didn't feaze Paddy at all. He was used to encountering the worst weather the Klondike could provide, and, after that, a winter in France wasn't so hard to take and to Paddy fighting had always been his business anyway. So he went through the entire war up to the Armistice, a rough-and-ready, efficient soldier, highly popular with his



Bartley Madden, who made good in U.S. after starting his boxing career as a member of the British Army in World War I.

mates. Sickness passed him by, bullets failed to nick him, though he did more than his share of the scrapping, and the windup found him in the finest fettle.

He returned to Canada where he led a peaceful life. He died a few years ago after a short illness. Like Munroe, he glorified boxing by his heroic deeds on the battlefields.

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WHETHER in the piping times of peace, or the days of hostile action, both Army and Navy have always furnished reliable slugging material for the roped arena. There was "Sailor" Burke, for instance, who, in the White Hope era, fought middleweights when he could land 'em and heavies when he couldn't snare a match around his own proper scaling mark. Sometimes he took a peach of a whaling, sometimes he stopped the other fellow, but whatever way it went, no one could truthfully say that the Sailor hadn't given the crowd its money's worth!

And the army turned out a tough hombre in Soldier Bartfield, who from 1912 to 1923, fought the members of the welter and middleweight tribes indiscriminately and made things hum for the best of 'em. Neither Burke nor Bartfield ever won a title. But they were iron-hard scrappers of extraordinary endurance, stiff punchers, notably ring-wise, and game as pit-terriers.

NO mention of fistic sea warriors would be complete without reference to those notable pre-war products, George La Blanche, the Marine, and Gunboat Smith. La Blanche, a rugged middleweight, fought with both bare knuckles and gloves, and earned a lasting niche in the pugilistic Hall of Fame by knocking out Nonpareil Jack Dempsey with the later-to-be-banned pivot blow.

Gunboat Smith, still a familiar figure around local ringsides, began his professional career after quitting the Navy in 1908. In height, he was just an inch short of six feet, all bone and muscle. He was no fancy boxer, but carried a right-hand wallop that would fell an ox, and up to the time of his retirement, about 1921, participated in 136 battles.

He lacked something of championship calibre, but he met and defeated some of the best men of his day. White or Negro, they all looked alike to Smith. In 1913, he whipped in twenty rounds, the man who was later to dethrone Jack Johnson, big Jess Willard. In 1917, he lost a four round verdict to Jack Dempsey, and a few weeks later boxed a four round, no decision bout with the Manassa Mauler. His ring activities came to a close when he was knocked out by Harry Wills in one round at Havana, Cuba, on October 10, 1921.

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THE stalwart figure of Tom Sharkey stands out in bold relief, undimmed by the long lapse of time, as one of the Navy's most spectacular boxing graduates. It was a testimonial to Tom's pugilistic greatness that Jack Sharkey borrowed his name as a fighting sobriquet. Jack won the world's championship, a feat Tom didn't quite accomplish, but came mighty close to doing. He rates as one of the greatest heavyweights in U.S. ring history.

Unlike Jack, whose interest in the fistic game was of rather a commercial nature, Tom Sharkey really loved fighting for fighting's sake. Born in Dundalk, Ireland, he joined the U.S. Navy while still in his teens, and was barely twenty when he won his first professional scrap by knocking out Jim Gardner in 1893. He scored a number of kayo victories while knocking around the world with the Pacific fleet, but first attained prominence in American ring circles by stopping Australian Billy Smith in seven rounds at Colma, California. Smith was a tough, seasoned heavyweight, and his unexpected defeat by the sailor naturally put the latter right under the promotorial spotlight.

That it was no fluke was proved a few months later when Sharkey outed John Miller in nine frames. In 1896 Tom boxed an eight round draw with Alec Greggains in which he was given none the best of the decision. And on April 16 of that year he electrified the Coast fans by kayoing the famous Joe Choynski in eight savage rounds.

Jim Corbett was heavyweight champion then, and agreed to take on Sharkey for four rounds at San Francisco. They met, and the referee declared it a draw. But Corbett had a narrow escape from being stopped. Sharkey roughed him all over the ring, never giving clever Gentleman Jim a chance to "get set," absorbing the cham-

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Good Club Fighters

By NAT LOUBET

BILLY LANDRY

MONCTON, New Brunswick, is not a big place as the fistic market goes and is not prolific in producing world title contenders, but it always sends a goodly supply of its fistic sons to the squared circle. Many of these lads become topnotch club performers.

Such a fighter is Billy Landry, who first saw the light of day at Moncton in 1923 and began his fistic endeavors at the age of seventeen. He had five fights as a simon pure prior to joining the Canadian Army in 1941 and continued slinging leather with the other service gladiators until his discharge in 1945. By that time he had amassed a string of fifty-one fights, winning most of them.

Billy "The Kid" turned professional in 1946 and invaded U.S. rings. In his first year of campaigning in the pay for sock ranks he climbed between the ropes eighteen times. Of these he won eleven, three by the knockout route. Early this year he returned to his native soil to fight fourteen contests, winning eleven, seven of them via the slumber trail.

Landry is five feet nine inches tall and pulls the weights at an even 160. Chris Shaban guides the ex-serviceman's ring career.

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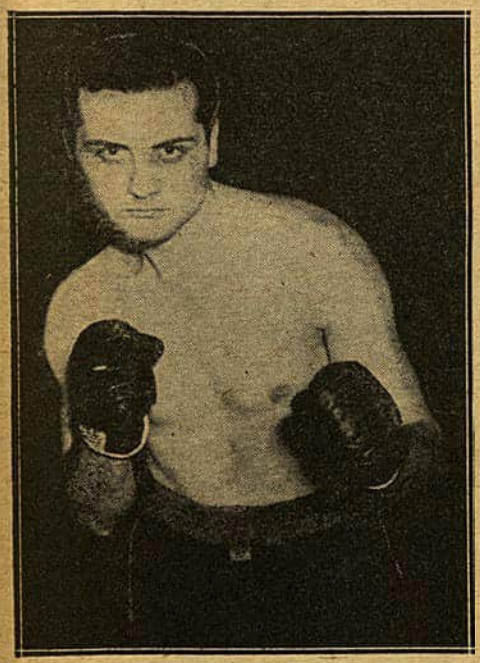
BILLY BROWN

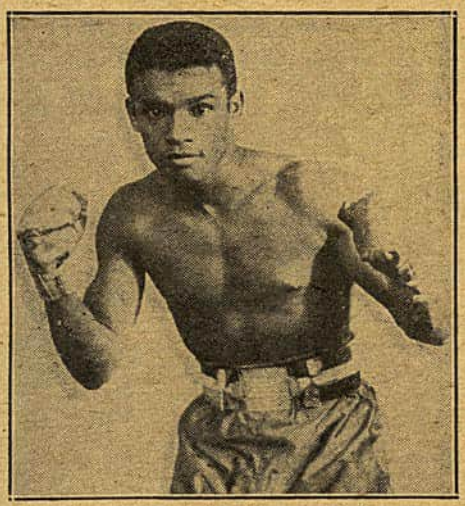
A POPULAR "repeater" is Billy Brown, rugged Manchester, Conn., middleweight, who, whether he wins or loses, invariably can be depended upon to give the fans a real run for their money. In practically every town in which he has fought, Brown has made at least one repeat performance, and generally has been back several times. Binghamton, N. Y., is a typical case. Brown fought there no less than four times within six weeks, drawing with Henry Chemel, beating Chemel in a return bout, and whipping George Williams and Baby Sims.



A popular middleweight hailing from Manchester, Conn., Billy Brown.

Now in his fourth year of professional boxing, the Nutmeg Stater has accounted for a total of 29 victories and two draws against only five defeats. Included in his list of opponents are the names of Charley Howard, Freddie Wilson, Bat Stroud, Johnny Johnson, Kenny James, Eddie Morgan and Ernie Griffin. Brown is managed by Peter Bendrillo and Sam Orenstein.

Don Ellis, ebony middleweight, fighting out of Atlantic City.



Kid Dinamita, a welterweight from the Dominican Republic, a colorful leather merchant, on a U. S. invasion.

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DON ELLIS

DON ELLIS, the Sepia socking middleweight, at twenty-one years of age boasts three years of ring experience, during which he has won more bouts than appear on the losing side of his ledger.

The greater percentage of his fights have been staged around the environs of Atlantic City where Don has become a favorite by virtue of his crowd pleasing style. Not heavy in the punching department, Ellis believes in letting the leather fly, setting the pace and forcing his opponent to accept a busy evening.

This year he has iced three of the six men who have faced him. Tommy McKay, Sid Silas, Puggy Snyder, all have been sleep bound by Don. He was on the receiving end of a K.O. once, Jerome Frazier did it in five. In his other two contests he lost a close one to Willie Davis and drew with Wally DeMaio.

The ebony busybody is managed by Neal Lang.

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KID DINAMITA

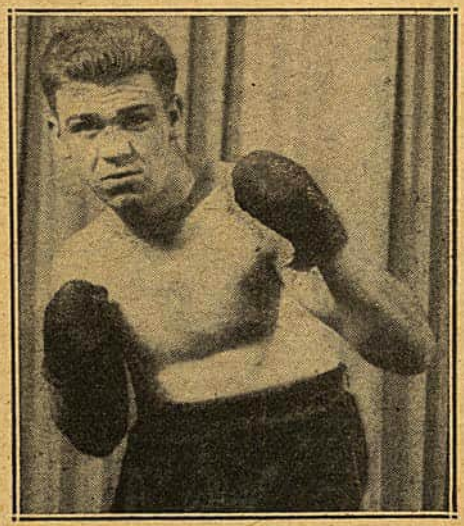
THE West Indies—particularly Cuba, Puerto Rico and Jamaica—have been profuse developers of outstanding ring talent during the last 25 years, but it isn't often the Dominican Republic is heard from.

This little oversight promises to be properly attended to by a recent arrival in New York—a young man named Felix Antonio Gomez, a native of the Dominican capital, Ciudad Trujillo, and better known to the trade as "Kid Dinamita."

"Dinamita" is Spanish for "Dynamite," and Senor Gomez's record to date would seem to indicate he is full of it. Now in his fifth year of professional fighting, nearly two-thirds of his 70 battles have been won by knockouts.

Dinamita's career has taken him to Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Trinidad, Panama, British Honduras and Cuba, and he feels he has enough stuff in him to give any of the American welterweights a real argument.

Among some of the better known battlers he faced in his Latin-American campaigning were Jose Garcia Alyarez, Willard Hogan, Cocoa Kid and Hank Barrows.



Billy "The-Kid" Landry, Canadian middleweight.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

ANTON RAADIK, Estonian middleweight contender, headed a four ten-round fight card at the Chicago Stadium under the joint auspices of the Chicago Stadium, Inc., and co-promoters, Irv. Schoenwald and Jack Begun, with the capable matchmaking assistance of Jack Hurley.

Raadik opposed Al "Red" Priest, of Cambridge, Mass., and won a good bout from the New Englander.

Freddie Dawson, sleek Chicago lightweight contender, polished off Dave Andrews, New England lightweight champion, inside of two rounds. Freddie fought his usual good fight and scored a two round KO.

In a third ten round conflict, and the one which proved to be the best fight of the night, Sam Baroudi, New York 171 pounder, won a close conflict over Al Johnson, of Indianapolis, Ind., who scaled in at 171 pounds. Baroudi, clever feinting Gothamite, proved to be an adept counter-puncher.

In the fourth ten round scramble, Sid (Straight Jacket) Peaks, Charlestown, Ind., 211 pounder, finally won out in the ninth round over Richard Hagen, stocky-built Chicago 212 pounder.

Approximately 4,600 fans paid in a gross gate of $20,100, making the show a financial loss.

Earlier in the month a gala fight production consisting of four ten round battles was presented at the Chicago Stadium. In the main ten rounder, Joe Maxim, capable Cleveland heavyweight, won convincingly over hard-hitting Bob Foxworth, 180 pound East St. Louis, Ill., light-heavyweight contender.

Maxim suffered a cut eye in the seventh round—a wild swinging session, in which Joey connected with his best blows and nearly floored Bob. Foxworth's nose was cut in the eighth heat and he tired badly but during the ninth and tenth frames Foxworth did a good job.

Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland heavyweight, a shell of his former self, won handily with his greater experience over towering Sid Peaks, who could just as well have left his so-called right hand "Merry Ann" home as far as Bivins was concerned. There were no knockdowns.

In a third ten round scramble, Bob Satterfield won an unpopular decision over Al Johnson. Satterfield's last round spree which almost saw Johnson knocked out, swayed the officials.

Johnny "Honeyboy" Bratton, one-time scourge of the lightweight ranks, had to take seven rounds before he could belt out Phil Palmer, Vancouver lightweight.

The show from a financial standpoint was a terrific success, with the gate receipts totaling $58,559, and 13,337 fans in attendance. The fights were exceptionally good.

Coliseum — Talmadge Bussey, Detroit lightweight, won a four round KO over Vic Creelman, Minneapolis.

In the six round semi-windup, Freddie Maes, tough Mexican 130 pounder, stopped Stan Hartman, Van Wert, Ohio, 127 pounder, in the fourth.

Otto Stowe, agile Springfield, Ill., 182 pounder, won surprisingly over Chet Harter, Fort Wayne heavyweight.

Clinton Bacon, hard-hitting Chicago 165 pounder, knocked out Bud Hershey, of Fort Wayne, but the force of his right hand clout sent Bud clear through the ropes and into the laps of ringsiders. Bacon possesses a terrific punch and more will be heard from him in the near future.

Jimmy Sheets, Hammond, Ind., middleweight, KO'ed Doug Jordan in two rounds. In the opener, Jimmy Wester stopped J. T. Flagg, Chicago, in the first heat.

Marigold Gardens—Art Brown, veteran but hard-hitting Chicago 151 pounder, crossed up Eddie Miller, of Dayton, Ohio, and landed a loping right hand to Miller's jaw, dropping him for the count.

Richard Hagan, Chicago heavy, planted a KO on Tommy McVey in round two.

Stanley Shealey won a punchfest from Jimmie Lee in their four rounder.

Billy Conwell, Des Moines, Ia., 138 pounder, scored a three round TKO over Tilford Ward. Ward was dropped five times and saved further punishment by the referee's good judgment. Ward weighed only 128 pounds.

"Irish" Jimmy Cone, Kokomo, Ind., middleweight, stopped Paul Nelson in one round, and Richard Armstrong, Dayton 135 pounder, won a hard fight from Grady Capie, of Kansas City, Mo.

Jerome Frazier, swift-punching Milwaukee 154 pounder, triumphed handily over Sylvester Perkins, in the ten round main event. The loss was only the second defeat for the Chicagoan, who, in twelve pro fights, has gained the status of a headlining performer. The bout was held at the Riverview Arena, in Milwaukee.

Coliseum—Harold Guss, sturdy-punching St. Louisian, spilled Shelton Bell, 180 pound, Dayton, Ohioan, for the count in the seventh round. Guss proved to be too hard a puncher.

Al Gomez, Milwaukee, 131 pounder, flattened Danny Jeffries, of Simco, Ontario, in two rounds.

Publisher of THE RING Heads New York Writers

THE editorial staff of THE RING Magazine is proud that Nat Fleischer, publisher and editor of the magazine, has been named president of the New York Boxing Writers' Association.

Fleischer has done a great job for boxing right down the years, and the staff believes he will make a fine leader for the writers' group.

The New York writers elected Sid Feder and Ned Brown vice-presidents, Jim Dawson, of the *Times* secretary-treasurer, and Al Buck of the *Post*, retiring president, head of the board of directors.

The association will hold its annual dinner on January 21 at Ruppert's Brewery when Laverne Roach will receive the Nat Fleischer medal for the "Rookie of the Year." Jersey Joe Walcott will get THE RING medal for an outstanding performance in having floored Joe Louis twice and lasting 15 rounds to lose a split decision, and Gus Lesnevich will receive THE RING award as "The Fighter of the Year."

In a sixer, Vince Calzaretta, Chicago heavyweight, battered Jack Thompson for a win.

George Stellios, Greek middleweight from Indiana, stiffened Speedy Williams in three heats. Norman Horton outpointed George Sheppard, Gary middleweight, in four rounds, and Ocie Talbert wrote finis to Bill Zaier's career with a quick one round knockout.

Leon Thompson, Chicago 150 pounder, trekked over to St. Paul, Minn., and gained an eight round decision over Buzz Brown of the Gopher State.

Joe Livato is the new matchmaker for the Coliseum Club, as well as the Rose Bowl Arena.

Rose Bowl—Ralph Jones, Springfield, Ill., middleweight, startled fans with his thrilling one-two punch combination that finished Lou King in the eight round main event.

George Sherman, Chicago, welterweight, defeated veteran, but capable, Bob Fowler, in the six round semi-windup.

And in the fours, Otto Stowe, also from Springfield, Ill., edged out a victory over Ocie Talbert, of East St. Louis, Ill.; Jimmie Burke, Milwaukee middleweight, KO'ed Santos Quintero, Cincinnati, 160 pounder, in two heats; Young Joe Louis put the dampers on Mickey McMillen, of Milwaukee, in three heats.

In a four rounder, Stan Hartman, Van Wert, Ohio, 127 pounder, won from Bob Henry.

Marigold Gardens—Art Brown, Chicago 150 pounder, won a rough battle from Alex Arella, Texas middleweight, in eight.

Bob Sandburg stopped Larry Tatum in one round; Jimmy Cone finished Dick Vess in one frame; Troy Gray stopped Hank Wilson in three; Jimmy Varketta KO'ed Stafford Williams in one round; Tommy Charles, Indianapolis heavy, belted out Johnny Jackson in two.

Coliseum—Ray Barnes, lightning-like puncher out of Detroit, Michigan, met a fellow Wolverine from Grand Rapids in Willie Edmonds, 155, and Barnes ended matters in 56 seconds of the third.

Luther Burgess, dandy Detroit 127½ pounder, trimmed Freddie Maes, Denver 130 pounder in six rounds. Maes was down three times.

Don Eagle, Indian 187 pounder, met a tough one in Snooky Brown of Benton Harbor, Ind. The Eagle scored a KO in 1:18 of the second.

George Stellios, Fort Wayne 160 pounder, outscored Chuck Ross, of Kalamazoo, in four; Jimmy Wester, Denver 169 pounder, stopped George Ward, of Iron Mountain, Michigan, in the first; Doyle Hirt, Grand Rapids 150½ pounder, KO'ed Dave Green in two; Neal Davis, Kalamazoo, defeated Charley Smith of Chicago.

Marigold—Leon Thompson, Chicago 150 pound-pounder, defeated Art Swiden, Pittsburgh, Pa., six feet one inch, 177 pounder, in the eight round main event.

Nick Raneri, Chicago middleweight, KO'ed Santos Quintero, one heat.

Richard Hagen, South Side 215 pound heavy, won a close fight from elusive Otto Stowe in five rounds; Jimmy Cone stopped Eddie Green in three; Collins Brown KO'ed Clarence Stephens in one, and Johnny Crane outscored Jesse Gulley in four.

Marigold: Leon Thompson, Chicago 150 pounder, repeated a previous eight round decision over Buzz Brown in an ordinary performance.

Luther Rawlings, gangling Negro lightweight, chastised Jesse Turner, St. Louis, Ill., on a TKO in the fourth round.

Collins Brown, South Side middleweight, fought a hectic draw with Alex Arella, Pittsburgh. Allen Small won from Lee Campione, heavies. Troy Gray and Jimmy Ward fought to a standstill in a gruelling four rounder. Louis Mochel, St. Louis 140 pounder, defeated Ed Rawlings in a four.

Rose Bowl—Gene Burton, welterweight challenger of "Sugar" Ray Robinson, was intent on having a tuneup bout for a prospective meeting with Bernard Docusen, out on the Coast. But what a tartar he ran into in Leon Haire, St. Louis 137-pounder, and what a whale of a match Hare made. At the end of nine rounds it was all even, but Burton scored a kayo in the tenth.

In the six-round semi-windup, Lou King drew with Louis Gray.

George Sherman defeated Jimmy Ward in a sixer. And in the fours, Clinton Bacon walloped Willie Covington. Jim McGhee stopped Bernard Mack in two rounds, and Bob Henry stowed away Ted Black, also in two rounds.

Attention: Boxers interested in fighting in the Middle West should contact Gene Engel, 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Ill. In your letter enclose photo, your won and lost. records, fight clippings and any other data that adds to your potentialities.

In behalf of Yours Truly, as RING representative, I wish all RING readers a Happy New Year and best of luck to one and all.

ADDITIONAL CUBAN NEWS
By DR. J. A. VIEITES

HAITI—Omelio Agramonte, 177¼, the Cuban heavyweight champion, only needed 1:29 of the opening round to dispose of Papacito, Kid, 183½, heavyweight and light-heavyweight champion of Haiti.

Havana—A record crowd turned out to witness the Havana debut of a Camaguey son, Jose Sandy Saddler. The event was a benefit for another Camaguey son, the late Joe Legon, who left his family very little money. Half of the gate, $10,000, was given to Legon's family. Here are the results:

Sandy Saddler, 128, repeated a previous K.O. victory over Lino Garcia, 128¼, this time in the third round.

In the second bout, Marcelino Armenteros, 155, and Luis Villa, 156, fought for the vacant middleweight title, and Armenteros knocked down Villa in the ninth and was downed in the tenth, but again floored Villa in the tenth. Armenteros closed strongly, however, to gain the crown.

In the third bout, Bombon Oriental, 134, one of Cuba's best lighties, scored a sensational ten-round T.K.O. over Eduardo Carrasco, 135.

In the first bout, Black Pico, 115¼, offered a classy display and easily outpointed Manuel Armenteros, 155½, in ten speedy rounds.

Moron—Baby Coullimber, 147½, Cuban welterweight champion, offered Moron's fans a sterling performance by easily defeating Baizi Bradad, 148, in ten good rounds.

Vic Dugharte, 112, scored an amazing upset by stopping Angel (Pigua) Sanchez, 110½, in the third round.

Santi-Spiritus—Orlando (Charolito) Cepeda, 147, only needed 50 seconds of the first round to stop Kid Garrido, same weight. Battleship Martinez outpointed Kid Gonzalez in eight fast rounds. They are featherweights.

AUSTRALIAN RATINGS TO NOVEMBER, 1947
By RICHARD BELLENGER

Heavyweights
Jack Johnson (champion). No others worthy of rating.

Light-Heavyweights
Dave Sands (champion), Jack Johnson, George Allen, Young Milo, Jack Marr.

Middleweights
Dave Sands (champion), Len Dittmar, Bob Lawson, Ernie Jarvis, Jack Kirkham.

Welterweights
Tommy Burns (champion), Laurie Petersen, Sel Hamilton, Ken Bailey, Alf Wells.

Lightweights
Vic Patrick (champion), Mickey Tollis, Norm Gent, Tommy Watts, Ted Heiner.

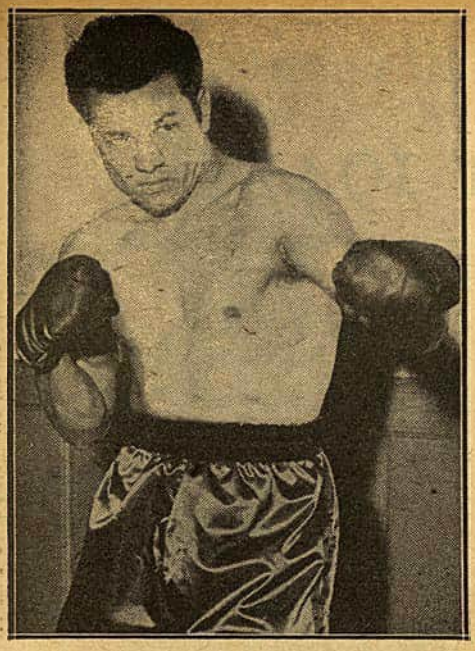
Featherweights
Eddie Miller (champion), Frank Flannery, Dave Landers, Bernie Grant, Ted Sprouster.

Bantamweights
Mickey Francis (champion), Mickey Carr, Dave Robinson, Ken Hatcher, George Kennedy.

Flyweights
Mickey Hill (champion), Jimmy Hogg, Val Newman, Stumpy Butwell, Len Pittman.

California Portraits

By HARRY WINKLER



Sal Perea, Mexican welterweight, who has developed into a crowd pleaser.

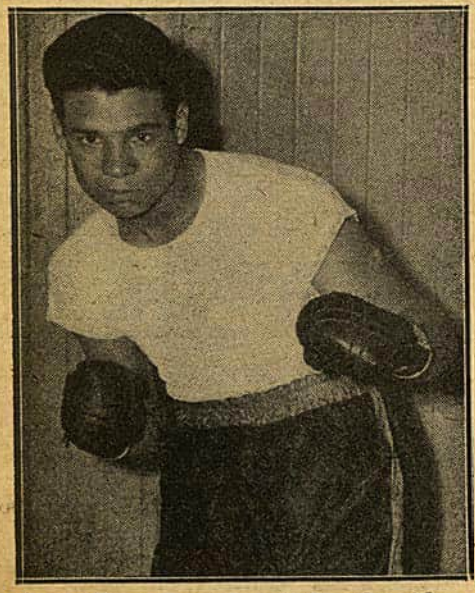
JOEY BARNUM

MANY promising young boxers, after fighting their way through prelim ranks, seem to get into a rut. That is, although not losing their ability, they do not continue to improve and appear doomed to become just "another fighter." In many such cases a trip to other parts of the globe has proven a great benefit to such boxers. Being in a strange city seems to inspire them. Theirs is a sort of "I came, I saw, I conquered" complex and they perform better than they ever had in their home town.

Joey Barnum was one of these. He was outstanding as an amateur boxer, easily eliminated his preliminary opponents, made the main-event class, then became stagnant. He would win, lose and draw, look good, bad and indifferent. He fought only three times in 1944 and was thinking of returning to his job as painter at the Fox studios, when the late Tony Palazola persuaded him to go East in 1945. He became a card in Chicago by defeating Johnny Bratton and holding Willie Joyce to a draw.

Joey engaged in eight contests during his eastern campaign, losing but twice, decisions to Joyce and Wesley Mouzon. Since his return to California, Barnum has dropped close decisions to Enrique Bolanos and John Thomas, and was stopped (the first time in his career) by Bernard Docusen. He more than held his own against Bobby Yaeger, and easily defeated Baby Breese and Eddie Hudson.

Barnum was born at Gary, Ind., Oct. 6, 1921. Joey is married to a pretty Mexican girl and lives in Los Angeles.



Arturo Barron, a welterweight, who either kayoes his opponent or gets in himself. A knockout guarantee.

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SAL PEREA

A MEXICAN welterweight youngster boxing at San Diego under the name of Young Salvador, was getting nowhere fast. Then Salvador put himself under the management of Sid Flaherty. Flaherty is a capable pilot and his charges swear by the big Irishman. Because Salvador's past ring record was nothing to boast of, Flaherty considered it best that the boy drop his hand-picked moniker and box under his real name—Sal Perea.

In a few weeks Sal Perea could have punched the ears off the old Young Salvador, and he soon became one of the best crowd-pleasers in the Golden Gate area. Perea became inspired under his new manager and he did so well in the preliminary ranks, that he was boxing 10-rounders within six months' time. Perea made 22 starts in his first year under Flaherty and lost but three of them. And the trio who defeated Sal were no mere run-of-the-mill fighters either, being Vincent Villavicencio, Bobby Jones and Johnny Campinha.

Among those whom Perea has beaten are Dencio Cabanela, Al Robinson, Ross Romero, Mickey Gimmel and Bobby Davis. His most recent bout was a torrid 10-round draw with Sheik Rangel.

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BOLTON FORD

THERE have been quite a number of Pittsburgh boxers campaigning in California this year, but most of them have not done so well. However, Bolton Ford, a Negro lightweight, more than stood up. Ford made an instant hit with Los Angeles fans, with his windmill style of battling, but it was at Juarez, Mex., that the Pittsburgher went over with a bang. In four starts at the Mexico border city, the muscular Negro scrapper defeated Frankie Sauceda and Louis Vera, and fought two thrilling 10-rounders with Tony Mar, losing close decisions to Mexico's lightweight champion.

Ford, born in Pittsburgh in 1923, started boxing five years ago. He engaged in 35 amateur bouts and has had 27 pro contests. His best wins on California soil were over Jimmy Shans and Irvin Steen. Ford is being handled by Harry Gordon and Joe Stanley.

Welterweight Joey Barnum, whose real name is Joseph Roselli.

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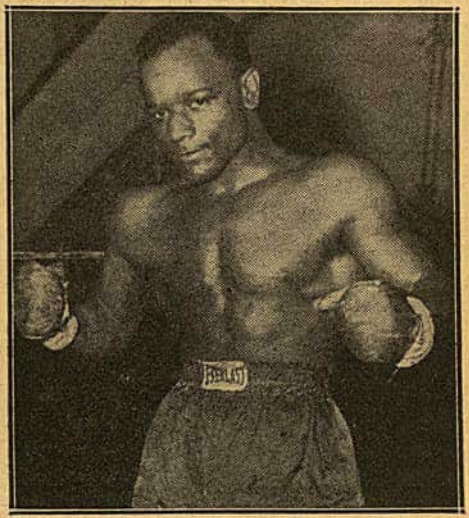
ARTURO BARRON

OF the many pleasing Mexican boxers of California, Arturo Barron of Los Angeles is one of the most colorful. He can rock an opponent to sleep with a blow traveling less than a foot. He boxes well too, but—and it is a big but—he doesn't take a punch too well himself. This one weakness in Barron's physical make-up is the only reason the quiet Mexican youth has not made the big time, for, along with the punch and boxing ability, he has a rugged body, is a gamester, is of clean habits and ambitious.

Each time Barron knocks over a few competitors and seems to be on his way up, he is belted out for a setback. Naturally, this is very distressing to Arturo and his manager Sparky Rudolph, but to the fans it means sensational fights. Crowds thrill to knockouts and half of Barron's bouts end that way. It is a case of knock him out, or, get knocked out.



A Negro lightweight, formerly from Pittsburgh, Bolton Ford is a good club fighter.

How Boxers *of the* World *are* Grouped *by* "The Ring" for 1947

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These ratings are based on results up to and including Dec. 18, 1947.

IN the ratings below, The Ring Editor has had the assistance of his Staff, our correspondents throughout the world and the complete records of the year of each fighter listed on our cards. There has been no guesswork in making up the rankings.

In England we had the aid of Eddie Borden, who has seen every fighter of note in the British Isles in the last four years, Johnny Sharpe, our British correspondent for the past 2 years, and Len Mancini, three experts. In continental Europe we were aided by Charley Parish, who knows his boxing from A to Z and in Australia, Richard Bellenger, who keeps a card index of all fighters and their records, collaborated. Harry Winkler in California and our other efficient U. S. writers helped for their sectors.

In the lead article in this issue, the top men in each division have been named. Now we will go into a little detail on the men in the lower grouping.

In the heavyweight ranks, Elmer Ray is our choice for Number One spot because though he lost a close one to Joe Walcott in ten rounds in Miami, his first loss in 51 starts, he won from Ezzard Charles who has been bowling over all opposition. Olle Tandberg is next in line by virtue of his defeat of Joe Baksi who at the time was rated best contender in The Ring. Olle had five fights and won all, four by knockouts.

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EZZARD CHARLES is placed in the same group with Lesnevich. He had a dozen fights and lost only one to Ray, Billy Smith, Jimmy Bivins, Erv Sarlin, Archie Moore, Fitzie Fitzpatrick, Joe Matisi, Lloyd Marshall, Al Smith, Clarence Jones and Teddy Randolph were among his victims. He stopped Fitzpatrick twice.

Archie Moore and Billy Fox, follow. Moore had eight fights losing only to Charles. He stopped Jack Chase, Bivins and George Fitch and beat Rusty Payne, Curtis Sheppard, Bert Lytell and Bobby Zander.

Fox was stopped by Lesnevich then succeeded in scoring kayoes over George Kochan, Tony Gillo, Artie Levine, Billy Cooper, Kochan again, Angustain Guedes and LaMotta.

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IN the middleweight ranks, Bert Lytell, long a first rate fighter, takes his place under Tony Zale as third best man in the division with Marcel Cerdan, fourth. LaMotta, who ranked high up until the Fox contest, has been dropped to fifth place.

Tommy Bell rates his post as leading challenger for Ray Robinson's crown. He heads a list of eleven challengers with Gene Burton of Chicago and Bernard Docusen, following. Bell lost to Robinson and LaMotta, middleweights, and dropped one bout to Cecil Hudson but is well above the other welters in point of ability.

Docusen is likely to reach the top ere long. He is an outstanding, clever boxer with an excellent, clean record for the year. The same can be said of Burton who has proved that he is one of the country's best welterweights.

Enrique Bolanos with a score of nine consecutive victories for the year, heads the lightweight contenders with Bob Montgomery, Rudy Cruz and Freddie Dawson, following. Montgomery's loss to Tony Pellone and Livio Minelli and his knockout at the hands of Ike Williams were his three defeats out of nine bouts.

Cruz had nine fights and won all. He beat Jesse Flores, Vic Grupico, Tommy Lopez, Baby Beau Jack, Memo Llanes, Kid Filipino, Billy Gibson and Buddy Holderfield. Flores lost twice to Rudy.

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IN the featherweight section, though Humberto Sierra heads the contenders, the best fighter among the challengers in the division is Sandy Saddler. Sandy lost a split decision to Sierra, and that alone prevents us from making him Pep's closest rival.

Saddler has knocked out every foreign champion. He kayoed Oscar Calles, Miguel Acevedo, El Barquerito, Lino Garcia, twice and Leonardo Lopez and won from Carlos Malacara and Orlando Julueta in ten. Out of 19 bouts, he lost only the split verdict to Sierra.

Charley Riley, third man, had fourteen contests and won all, but the calibre of his opponents was not the equal of those met by Saddler. He fought only twice out of his home town, St. Louis, and will not clash with Saddler to settle the matter of supremacy.

Here are the ratings for the year:

Heavyweights
World's Champion
Joe Louis, Detroit, Mich.

(Group 1)
1—Joe Louis, Detroit, Mich.
2—Jersey Joe Walcott, Camden, New Jersey

(Group 2)
1—Elmer Ray, Minneapolis, Minn.
2—Olle Tandberg, Sweden
3—Joe Baksi, Kulpmont, Pa.
4—Lee Q. Murray, Norwalk, Conn.
5—Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles, Cal.
6—Tommy Gomez, Tampa, Fla.
7—Arturo Godoy, Santiago, Chile
8—Phil Muscato, Buffalo, N. Y.
9—Bruce Woodcock, England
10—Joey Maxim, Cleveland

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Class 1

Agramonte, Omelio, Cuba; Bivins, Jimmy, Cleveland; Cestac, Abel, Argentine; Chaney, Colon, Indianapolis; Fitzpatrick, Fitzie, Los Angeles; Jones, Gene, Camden, N. J.; Mann, Nathan, New Haven; Matisi, Joe, Endicott, N. Y.; Matriciani, Leo, Baltimore; Mauriello, Tami, New York.

Jack Johnson, Australia; Paco, Bueno, Spain; Payne, Rusty, San Diego; Ralph, Johnny, South Africa; Riviera, Kid, St. Louis, Mo.; Sarlin, Erv, Pittsburgh; Savold, Lee, Paterson, N. J.; Sheppard, Curtis, Baltimore; Shkor, Johnny, Boston; Sikes, Bob, Little Rock, Ark.; Valentino, Pat, San Francisco; Randolph, Teddy, New York.

Walker, Buddy, Columbus, O.; Weinberg, Bill, Chelsea, Mass.; Wells, Harry, South Bend, Ind.; Zander, Bobby, Los Angeles.

Class 2

Andersson, Nils, Sweden; Andrews, Reg, England; Beshore, Freddie, Pacific Coast; Bosnich, Tony, San Francisco; Brown, Alf, England; Buonvino, Gino, Milan, Italy; Carollo, Jimmy, New York; Cranford, Jackie, Washington, D.C.; Dawson, George, England; De Villiers, Johnny, South Africa; Eatman, Eldridge, Norwalk, Conn.; Felipi, Enrique, Argentina.

Gallagher, Alf, Australia; Garland, Tommy, Hollywood, Cal.; Garner, Bob, Louisville, Ky.; Hafer, Walter, Washington, D. C.; Hood, Hubert, Chicago; Hoosman, Al, Los Angeles; Hubbard, John, Milwaukee.

London, Jack, England; McSwain, Jerry, San Diego; Millich, George, Sacramento; Mitchell, Verne, Detroit; Nilsson, John, Sweden; Olek, Stephane, France; Oma, Lee, Detroit; Peak, Sid, Louisville, Ky.; Richards, Pat, Cleveland; Shaw, Ken, Scotland; Scott, Buddy, Dallas, Texas; Weidin, Jo, Austria.

Class 3

Alston, Phil, New York; Arciniega, Fidel, Spain; Barlund, Gunnar, Finland; Berntsen, Harry, New York; Brown, Charley, Jamaica, B. W. I.; Cameron, Eddie (Red), Miami, Fla.; Collett, Charley, England; Cox, Sanders, Dallas, Tex.; Dawson, George, Wales.

Ferry, Tony, Fall River, Mass.; Flakes, Henry (Snow), Buffalo; Foord, Joe, South Africa; Gilliam, Billy, Newark; Gillo, Tony, New Haven; Gosney, Gene, Seminole, Okla.

Gravon, Peter, England; Hagan, Richard, Chicago; Harter, Chet, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Hodges, Cecil, Australia; Jackson, Eddie, Elmira, N. Y.; Jones, Vic, England; Katz, Herbie, New York; Kinney, Ragon, Hartman, Ark.

Klein, Jan, Holland; Knox, Buddy, Dayton, O.; Kukard, Jack, South Africa; Last, George, England; La Starza, Roland, New York; McArdle, Bob, England; McCoy, Bonnie, England; Myers, Bill, Australia; Quirke, Paddy, Ireland.

Stevens, Ray, California; Thomas, Roy, New York; Van Niekerk, Phil, South Africa; Warren, Jack, Los Angeles; Wolmarans, Nick, South Africa; Words, Charley, England; Wilde, Piet, Belgium.

Class 4

Bean, Willie, Pacific Coast; Bee, Doc, Philadelphia; Belluscio, Mike, Rye, N. Y.; Brosier, Lin, Pittsburgh; Brown, Willie, New York; Calvaretto, Vince, Chicago; Carter, Mickey, New York; Chambers, Johnny, Philadelphia; Chard, Howard, Scranton, Pa.; Coleman, Willie, Lodi, N. J.; Culbertson, Baby Dutch, Pacific Coast; Curtis, John C., Taft, Tex.; De La Cruz, Francisco, Mexico; Dodd, Jimmy, Chicago.

Eagle, Chief Don, Chicago; Edwards, Dee, San Francisco; Esmont, Chet, Canton, O.; Everett, Cleo, New York; Fieberling, Hal, Pacific Coast; Fisher, Jackie, Waterville, Me.; Fisher, Mike, Boston; Fitch, George, New Haven; Gangemi, Tony, Philadelphia; Glanton, Dave, New York; Glassman, Hal, Philadelphia; Guedes, Augustino, Palmerton, Pa.; Hagley, Dick, Maplewood, N. J.; Hall, Jesse, Seattle, Wash.

Hawkins, Roy, Portland, Ore.; Holloway, John, South Carolina; Jackson, Lee, Philadelphia; Johnson, Ben, Houston, Tex.; Jones, Henry, Detroit; Kimball, James J., New York; Lake, Irish Jimmy, New York; Lee, Jim, Pacific Coast; Lester, Charles, Cleveland.

Louthis, Pete, Cumberland, R. I.; Lucey, Al, Pacific Coast; McKinney, Melvin, Los Angeles; McPherson, Sandy, Tulsa, Okla.; Mallon, Stewart, Pacific Coast; Mell, Pete, Newark, N. J.; O'Neil, Johnny, California; Pike, Gibbs, Louisville, Ky.; Ramsey, Fred, Cambridge, Mass.; Riley, O'Dell, Detroit; Rios, Ernie, Los Angeles; Roth, Charlie, Akron; Scales, Leroy, Chicago; Schott, Freddie, Paterson, N. J.; Scott, Bob, California.

Sears, Wally, Minersville, Pa.; Sheppard, Ernie, Orange, N. J.; Shumway, Sam, Webster, Mass.; Small, Allen, Chicago; Spagnolo, Dulio, Italy; Spaulding, Al, Beaumont, Tex.; Stoll, Leo, Baltimore; Stratford, Phil, Philadelphia; Strickland, Ross, New York; Sullivan, Bill, Chicago; Swiden, Art, New Kensington, Pa.

Thomas, Buddy, Washington, D. C.; Thompson, Jackie (Kid), Detroit; Thurman, Hank, Modesto, Calif.; Verchik, George, Plainfield, N. J.; Walker, Jim, Plainfield, N. J.; Washington, George, New York; Welch, Grady, Akron; Wermy, Fred, California; Wilkerson, Dusty, Philadelphia.

Williams, Cyclone, Buffalo; Williams, Hezzie, Chicago; Woodward, Tommy, Columbus, O.; Zaier, Bill, Cambridge, Minn.

Light-Heavyweights
(Not over 175 pounds)
World's Champion
Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside Park, N. J.

(Group 1)

1—Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside Park, N. J.
2—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, O.

(Group 2)

1—Archie Moore, St. Louis, Mo.
2—Billy Fox, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Tommy Yarosz, Pittsburgh, Pa.
4—Freddie Mills, England
5—Lloyd Marshall, Detroit, Mich.
6—Dave Sands, Australia
7—Bob Foxworth, Chicago, Ill.
8—Billy Smith, Oakland, Cal.

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Class 1

Amos, Bob, Detroit; Augustus, Ray, Topeka, Kan.; Cruz, Costello, Santa Barbara, Cal.; Hall, Henry, New Orleans; Jones, Mad Anthony, Boston; Jones, Watson, Los Angeles; Kahut, Joe, Portland, Ore.; Kochan, George, Akron; Lowry, Ted, New Haven; Quijano, Dolph, El Paso; Reynolds, Bernie, Cliffside, N. J.; Ritchie, Jim, St. Louis, Mo.; Satterfield, Bob, Chicago; Thompson, Billy Chicken, Philadelphia, Pa.; Watkins, Kenny, Los Angeles.

Class 2

Bailey, Cleve, Vineland, N. J; Barone, Nick, Syracuse, N. Y.; Bentz, Emile, France; Best, Frankie, Fredonia, N. Y.; Burns, Wylie, W. Palm Beach, Fla.; Grant, Billy, Orange, N. J.; Hubert, Tom (Tee), New York; Isler, Bob, New York; Johnson, Al, Indianapolis; Johnson, Harold, Manayunk, Pa.; Paul, Saint, Springfield, Mass.; Smith, Willie, South Africa; Taylor, Jock, England; Williams, Johnny, England; Williams, Roy (Cyclone) St. Petersburg, Fla.

Class 3

Babcock, Charley, Bangor, Me.; Elizondo, Tony, Houston, Tex.; Evans, Elton, Philadelphia; Evans, Jimmy, New York; Gus, Hal, St. Louis; Harris, Kenny, Philadelphia; Holley, Henry, New York; Hooper, Jimmy, New York; James, Frisco, Los Angeles; Johnson, Jimmy, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Jones, Rueben, Norfolk, Va.; Lewis, Harry, Toledo; Logan, Nathan (Deacon), St. Louis; McCafferty, Pat, Topeka, Kan.; Madison, Ollie, Homestead, Pa.; Jack Mar, Australia.

Marrow, Leonard, Pacific Coast; Merrill, Tommy, Camden, N. J.; Pepe, Andy, Boston; Perkins, Sylvester, Chicago; Petersen, Warren, Jamaica, N. Y.; Pittro, Jerry, Chicago; Reed, Willard, Indianapolis; Richards, Jimmy, Buffalo; Ruth, Tommy, Philadelphia; Shelton, Ben, Pittsburgh; Steele, Eddie, Macon, Ga.; Sullivan, Tommy, Boston; Wilkinson, Clarence, New York.

Class 4

Arnett, Allen, Phoenix, Ariz.; Arnold, Jim, Chicago; Banks, Charley, Cincinnati; Bassett, Johnny, Burlington, Vt.; Bell, Shed, Youngstown, O.; Bell, Shelton, Youngstown, O.; Boden, Eddie, Boston; Brown, Jerry, Pacific Coast; Butler, Percy, Pacific Coast; Carter, Lee, Indianapolis; Charles, Tommy, Beaumont, Tex.; Clements, Curtis, Boston; Colan, Johnny, New York; Crosby, Paul, Bergen, N. J.; Dare, Bobby, Buffalo; Davis, Bill, Indianapolis; Davis, Larry, Bassett, Neb.; De Micco, Tony, Schenectady, N. Y.; De Nero, Johnny, Rochester, N. Y.; Feld, Davey, New York.

Gagne, Mike, Spencer, Mass.; Gallant, Wendall, Skowhegan, Me.; Hayden, Jimmy, Buffalo; Hedgemond, Willie, New York; Holden, Jim, Elizabeth, N. J.; Humphrey, Bernard, Chicago; Irwin, Tommy, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Jacobs, Mike, Elizabeth, N. J.; Kenny, Leroy, Baltimore; LaMarr, Eddie, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Lee, Benny, Pacific Coast; Lewis, Bill, Baltimore; Liddell, Marvin, Oklahoma City, Okla.; McCarthy, Lonnie, New York; McKeagney, Tom, New York; McMillen, Luther, New York.

Marshall, Bobby, Minneapolis; Mason, Joe, Pittsburgh; Mojica, Gil, California; Odom, Henry, Washington, D. C.; Osborne, Don, Bristol, Conn.; Padilla, Shorty, California; Pappas, Billy, New York; Payne, Bob, Philadelphia; Pratt, Freddie, Providence; Reed, Eddie, Fresno; Regan, Ralph, Medford, Mass.; Roberts, Jim, Detroit; Rosasco, Al, New York; Rousse, Jim, Hartford; Rusk, Benny, Lakewood, N. J.; Sheppard, Tiger, Ocean Park, Cal.; Smith, Walter, Detroit; Strauss, Virgil, Hammond, Ind; Voris, Roy, San Francisco; Wall, Bunky, New Haven; Ward, Bob, San Francisco.

White, Harry, Harpswell, Me.; White, Jim, New York; Whitlock, Dave, San Francisco, Cal.; Wilkins, Oscar Lee, Topeka, Kan.; Williams, Jack, Baltimore; Wilson, Eddie, Baltimore; Wilson, Jimmy, Baltimore; Wooten, Obie, Vallejo, Cal.; Yoka, Millich, Sacramento; Zalter, Solly, Montreal.

Middleweights
(Not exceeding 160 pounds)
World's Champion
Rocky Graziano, New York City

(Group 1)

1—Rocky Graziano, New York City
2—Tony Zale, Gary, Ind.
3—Bert Lytell, Fresno, Cal.
4—Marcel Cerdan, Casablanca
5—Jake LaMotta, New York City
6—Steve Belloise, New York City
7—Al Hostak, Seattle, Wash.
8—Fred Apostoli, San Francisco, Cal.
9—Major Jones, Kansas City, Mo.
10—Anton Raadak, Chicago, Ill.
11—Jackie Darthard, Kansas City, Mo.

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Class 1

Abrams, Georgie, New York; Baroudi, Sam, Akron; Basora, Jose, Puerto Rico; Bell, O'Neill, Detroit; Burley, Charley, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Charron, Robert, France.

Degouve, Gus., France; Delannoit, Cyril, Belgium; Doyle, Mickey, Cleveland; Duke, George Petaluma, Cal.; Edgar, Jimmy, Detroit; Faulkner, Allen, Buffalo; Frazier, Jerome, New York.

Green, Harold, New York; Hart, Mark, England; Hawkins, Vince, England; Henry, Wildcat, New York; Horne, Sonny, Niles, O.; Hudson, Cecil, Los Angeles; Hunter, Chuck, Cleveland; Hersey, Smuggy, Pittsburgh; Jackson, Emory, San Diego; Kronowitz, Herbie, New York; Lacey, Frank, Baltimore; Lewis, Paul, Oakland; Mead, Pete, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Miller, Roy, Kansas City; O'Neil, Eddie, Detroit; Olson, Carl, Hawaii.

Priest, Al (Red) Boston; Roach, Laverne, Plainview, Tex.; Sala, Lee, Pittsburgh; Turpin, Dick, England; Turpin, Randolph, England; Washington, Bee Bee, Washington, D. C.; Williams, Holman, Detroit.

Class 2

Agosta, Joey, New York; Bertucci, Tony, New York; Blackwood, Joe, Paterson, N. J.; Boland, Gene, Detroit; Brimm, Henry, Buffalo; Brown, Melvin, St. Paul, Minn.; Castellani, Rocky, Luzerne, Pa.; Chemel, Henry, Portland, Me.; Clark, Dave, Cincinnati; Couture, Al, Lewiston, Me.; Curl, Jimmy, San Antonio; DeJohn, Joey, Syracuse, N. Y.; Davis, Jimmy, England; Farrell, Buddy, New York; Finch, Albert, England; Dittmar, Len, Australia.

Flanagan, Bob, London, Ont.; Harris, Ossie, Pittsburgh; Hill, Jimmy, Reading, Pa.; Howard, George, England; James, Kenny, Waterbury, Conn.; Ern Jarvis, Australia.

Jiminez, Pedro, Vallejo, Calif.; Kid, Cocoa (Louis), New Haven; Kilrain, Jake, Scotland; Kilroy, Billy, East Rutherford, N. J.; Klingensmith, Marion, Bitner, Pa.; Lee, Don, Edison, Neb.; Lind, Art, Minneapolis; Martin, Danny, Newark; Miller, Duggie, South Africa; O'Connor, Tommy, Ireland; Palefsky, Irving, New York; Price, Freddie, Ireland; Rangel, Sheik, Fresno, Cal.; Rood, Joe, England.

Sherrer, Jimmy, Milwaukee; Sims, Stanley (Baby), Washington, D. C.; Smith, George, Oakland; Snapp, Jack, Portland, Ore.; Valles, Lou, New York; Van Dam, Luc, Holland; Van Klaveren, Bep, Holland; Vorster, Fred, South Africa; Wadsworth, Len, Toronto; Walzack, Jean, France; Welch, Coley, Portland, Me.; Whynott, Roger, Nova Scotia; Williams, Danny (Boy), Detroit; Williams, Doc, New York.

Class 3

Abney, Dick, Salem, Ore.; Allen, Top Row, San Francisco; Augustain, Frank, Ysleta, Tex.; Barnes, Ray, Detroit; Baxter, Russ, New Castle, Pa.; Boisvert, Jerry, Sherbrooke, Canada; Britton, Bobby, Miami; Broderick, Frankie, Roslindale, Mass.; Brown, Billy, Waterbury, Conn.; Brown, Randy, New York; Bull, Jimmy, St. Louis; Burke, Jackie, Minneapolis; Burke, Jackie, Ogden, Utah; Burke, Jackie, Pittsburgh; Burley, Ralph, Philadelphia; Cartier, Walter, Bridgeport; Castro, Bobby, Mexico.

Cato, Charlie, Oakland; Coleman, Leroy, Paterson, N. J.; Cooper, Billy, Paterson, N. J.; Costa, Al, Woonsocket, R. I.; Costa, Vic, New York; Daley, Bill, Brookline, Mass.; Davis, Benny, Port Chester, N. Y.; Dotson, Charlie, St. Louis; Dupree, Johnny, Tampa; Duval, Walter (Speedy), Philadelphia; Ellis, Bert, Kansas City; Evans, Emil, Boston; Fernandez, Jota Jota, Venezuela; Fontana, Larry, New York; Giordano, Pat, Toronto.

Girard, Joe, Grafton, Mass.; Gomez, Andres (Indian), Mexico; Governale, Joe, New York; Cartwright, Larry (Gudgill), Dayton; Hall, Eli, Buffalo; Hassock, Don, Paterson, N. J.; Hayes, Charley, Detroit; Hirsch, Al, New York; Holt, Henry, Danbury, Conn.; Huff, Larry, Pittsburgh; Hunt, Jimmy, Pacific Coast; Jenkins, Clyde, Uniontown, Pa.

Jenkins, Jesse, Monticello, N. Y.; Johnson, Johnny, Philadelphia; Kashuba, Nick, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Kelly, Raymond, New York; Kenny, Jack, Livingston, N. J.

Komlo, Jerry, Pittsburgh; Lato, Carmine, Providence; Luciano, Mungo, San Francisco; McGrand, Johnny, Rochester, Minn.; Mangia, Jimmy, New York; Marshall, Jerry, St. Louis; Mason, Perry, Toledo.

Miller, Eddie, Dayton; Miller, Ricky, Buffalo; Montooth, Teet, South Carolina; Murphy, Bob, San Diego; O'Kelly, Charley, Vallejo, Cal.; O'Rourke, Jack, Beechview, Pa.; Pinel, Al, New Bedford, Mass.; Poli, Bill, New York; Poodles, Joe, Baltimore; Reddick, Joe, Paterson, N. J.; Richardson, Bobby, Cleveland; Rindone, Joe, Roxbury, Mass.; Rosati, Danny, Newark.

Ross, J. T., California; Rousse, Lou, New Orleans; Rowan, Walter, Washington, D. C.; Sanders, Bill, Springfield, Mass.; Shank, Ruben, Denver; Silvo, Oswaldo, Brazil; Smith, Dick, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Sopko, Mike, East Chicago, Ill; Spurlock, Ray, Minneapolis; Sweeney, Frank, Washington, D. C.

Tatta, Art, New Haven; Turner, Rudy, Buffalo; Verrengio, Mike, New York; Villavicencio, Vincent, Mexico City; Vinci, Chet, Rome, N. Y.; Volk, Bobby, Portland, Ore.; Wagner, Dick, Oregon City, Ore.; Williams, George, Baltimore; Woods, Lou, Detroit; Wright, Al, Washington, D. C.; Zack, Charley, New York.

Class 4

Albino, Joey, New York; Aldrich, Gus, Macon, Ga.; Arata, Bobby, Pacific Coast; Arella, Alex, Pittsburgh; Arnold, Billy, Philadelphia; Arterbridge, Les, Pacific Coast; Bailey, Horace, New York; Baldwin, Bobby, Englewood, N. J.; Barbossa, Al, Providence, R. I.; Barnes, Autrey, New York; Bazal, John, Racine, Mich.; Bender, Billy, Buffalo; Bennett, Joe, New York; Best, Buddy, Wilmington, N. C.; Best, Eric, New York; Biddle, Jack, New York; Bineyard, Red, Wheeling, W. Va.; Birskovich, Mike, Niles, O.; Black, Lee, New York; Blanks, Paul, Spokane, Wash.; Boyd, Oscar, Buffalo; Breitenbruck, Johnny, Paris Island, S. C.

Brown, Charley, New York; Bronco, Ceferino, Fall River, Mass.; Brooks, George, Washington, D. C.; Burke, Jimmy, Milwaukee; Burke Jimmy, Savannah, Ga.; Burleson, Leroy, Pacific Coast; Burley, Frankie, Dover, N. H.; Burns, Bobby, Toledo; Butts, Norman, Windsor, Ont.; Byers, Pat, Kanapolis, N. C.; Caldwell, Chuck, Denver, Colo.; Callahan, Dick, Boston; Calloway, Cab, Lawrenceville, Pa.; Cannon, Speedy, Los Angeles; Carrigan, George, Baltimore; Casati, Larry, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Cassidy, Mike, St. John, N. B.; Cesario, Sal, Boston; Chocolate, Kid, Boston; Coleman, Spencer, Pacific Coast; Collins, Jackie, Lowell, Mass.; Corbett 3rd, Winston, Holyoke, Mass.; Cotton, Curtis, Baltimore; Counts, Billy, Providence; Crane, Johnny, Chicago; Cummings, Bob, Augusta, Me.; Dallas, Richie, New York.

David, King, New York; Davis, Willie, Philadelphia; Davis, Willie, Akron; Dawn, Bobby, Cleveland; Dean, Dewitt, New York; Derr, Stanley, Allentown, Pa.; Di Giammo, Ted, Bergen, N. J.; Dillsworth, Gene, Pacific Coast; Donahue, Pat, New Orleans; Drew, Ted, Lewiston, Me.; Doty, George (Red), Boston; Droll, Benny, Peoria, Ill.; Drummond, Lafayette, Youngstown, O.; Duane, Richie, Denver, Colo.; Dubs, Harvey, Windsor, Ont.; Duke, Johnny, Seattle, Wash.

Durando, Ernie, Bayonne, N. J.; Dutton, Ed, Harrisburg, Pa.; Evans, George, Pacific Coast; Falco, Joe, Philadelphia; Fambrough, Tommy, Philadelphia; Ferris, Bob, Pacific Coast; Finazzo, Eddie, Baltimore.

Flowitt, Les, Chicago; Ganie, Nate, Trenton; Gannon, Joe, Washington, D. C.; Gibson, Kid, Biddeford, Me.; Gibson, Larry, Trenton; Giovini, Bill, Newark; Grantano, Eddie, Pacific Coast; Gray, Troy, Chicago; Green, Eddie, Indianapolis; Greenwood, Edgar, New York; Griffin, Mel, New York; Guey, Jimmie, Detroit; Gush, Carl, Elmira, N. Y.; Hardaway, Jim, New York.

Heimowitz, Jerry, New York; Heminger, Jerry, Tifin, O.; Henderson, Jimmy, Paterson, N. J.; Howard, Nap, Pacific Coast; Hughes, Ralph, Florida; Ingram, Randy, Baltimore; Izzo, Johnny, Roselle Park, N. J.; Jackson, Buddy, Newark; Jackson, James, New Jersey; Jacobs, Jaspaer, Baltimore; Jones, Ralph, Chicago.

Kaylor, Paul, Pacific Coast; King, Billy, Los Angeles; King, Lou, Chicago; Knight, Lee, Oakland; Kupferbridge, Ziggy, Jersey City; LaCross, Vern, Modesto, Cal.; Landry, Bill, Moncton, N. S.; Lee, Eddie, Amsterdam, N. Y.; Lee, Jimmy, Chicago; Letourneau, Eddie, Sanford, Me.; Lindholm, Bob, Milwaukee; Louis, Young Joe, Kansas City; Luz, Johnny, New Bedford, Mass.; McDonough, Chet, Boston; Maddox, George, Pacific Coast; Manning, Chappy, Baltimore; Martin, George, Boston; Masciarelli, Tony, New York; Melli, Nick, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mendoza, Bert, Pacific Coast.

Mercier, Leo, Lewiston, Me.; Meyers, Johnny, Los Angeles; Miller, Coolidge, New York; Orosco, Joe, California; Pappas, Charley, Roxbury, Mass.; Parker, Willis, San Francisco; Patterson, Bob, San Francisco; Perez, Lew, New York; Pettie, Jimmy, Woburn, Mass.; Quintero, Santos, Puerto Rico; Reed, Bob, Detroit; Ricco, Joe, New York; Richards, Jess, California; Rinaldo, Jules, New York; Robinson, Art, Pittsburgh; Rodriguez, Amado, Mexico; Rosa, Manuel, Baltimore; Rovelli, Ray, New York; Ruggiero, Danny, New York; Santonino, Mike, New York.

Schartz, Phil, Columbus; Serrano, Juan, Cuba; Shaw, Larry, New York; Sheets, Jimmy, Chicago; Sheppard, Len, New York; Siegel, Meyer, New York; Small, George, New York; Smith, George, Jersey City; Stemmler, Bill, Windsor, Ont.; Stewart, Ellis, Philadelphia; Stribling, Ken, Baltimore; Stroud, Harold, New York; Sweeney, Frank, Washington, D. C.; Taylor, Jim, New York; Tristan, Julio, Mexico; Turner, Harvey, Philadelphia; Turner, Teddy, Philadelphia; Tyson, Tiger, St. Clair, Can.; Varsos,

Tommy, Milwaukee; Vega, Willie, San Francisco; Vendrilla, Pat, Manchester, N. H.; Ventura, Benny, California; Victoria, Harry, Bridgeport; Villa, Pancho, Winslow, Me.

Wade, Leroy, San Francisco; Wade, Salty, Indianapolis; Wagner, Terry Emil, Milwaukee; Walker, Billy, Saybrook, Conn.; Walker, Johnny, Philadelphia; Walters, Jimmy, New York; Watson, Jimmy, Omaha; Watson, Vepe, Oakland; Wells, Edgar, Detroit; Wilkins, Horace, Chicago; Wilkins, J. C., New York; Williams, Billy, New York; Wolfe, Kid, Washington, D. C.; Wynn, Al, New York; Young, Blaine, St. Paul.

Welterweights
(Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion
Ray Robinson, New York City

(Group 1)
Ray Robinson, New York City

(Group 2)
1—Tommy Bell, Youngstown, Ohio
2—Gene Burton, Chicago, Ill.
3—Bernard Docusen, New Orleans, La.
4—Tony Janiro, Youngstown, Ohio
5—Johnny Greco, Montreal, Can.
6—George Costner, Cincinnati, Ohio
7—Tony Pellone, New York City
8—Kid Gavilan, Cuba
9—Frankie Fernandez, Honolulu, T. H.
10—Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N. J.
11—Tommy Burns, Australia

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Class 1

Alvarez, Roman, New York; Angott, Sammy, Washington, Pa.; Azteca, Kid, Mexico; Barnum, Joey, Ocean Park, Cal.; Cesario, Johnny, Boston; de Roose, Giel, Holland; Dinamita, Kid, Dominica; Early, Charley, Boston; Egan, Tommy, San Francisco; Fusari, Charley, Irvington, N. J.; Graham, Billy, New York; Green, Johnny, Buffalo.

Jack, Beau, Augusta, Ga.; Boon, Eric, England; Jordan, Henry, Philadelphia; Kapilow, Danny, New York; Kessler, Ruby, New York; Larover, George, Philadelphia; Linam, Bert, Austin, Tex.; Linson, Cosby, New Orleans; Mar, Tony, Mexico.

Mell, Gus, Montreal; Minelli, Livio, Italy; Ratford, Doug., New York; Rico, Chester, New York; Roderick, Ernie, England; Rossano, Rocco, New York; Rossano, Vinnie, New York; Thomas, Eddie, Wales.

Thomas, John, Los Angeles; Vigh, Ernie, Newburgh, Pa.; Villemain, Robert, France; Williams, Gwyn, Wales; Wilson, Jackie, Los Angeles; Wright, Bee Bee, Harrisburg, Pa.; Yaeger, Bobby, Los Angeles; Zanelli, Providence; Zivic, Young, Pittsburgh.

Class 2

Abrams, Frankie, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Adragna, Sammy, Pittsburgh; Andrews, Dave, Lowell, Mass.; Archer, Freddie, Newark; Barrows, Hankin, Panama; Bartholomew, Melvin, New Orleans; Bell, Louis, San Francisco; Brown, Art, Chicago; Burton, Phil, St. Louis; Calla, Benny, Oakland; Clarel, Emanuel, France; Coursal, Jerry, New York; Curcio, Joe, Newark; Danos, Joe, Denver; De Cosmo, Mike, Elizabeth, N. J.; de Bruin, Jan, Holland; Dunn, Roy, Australia.

Esparza, Nava, Mexico; Falco, Tony, Middletown, Conn.; Fontaine, Juste, Pittsburgh; Freeman, Herb, Bangor, Me.; Gambill, Vince, El Reno, Okla.; Hall, Billy, Wales; Hall, Henry, England; James, Ronnie, Wales; Jordan, Al, Milwaukee; Koudri, Omar, Algeria; Lancaster, Billy, Portland, Me.; Lay, Dorsay, Philadelphia; Lee, Bobby, Baltimore; Le Mentec, Pierre, France; Lucignano, Joe, Jersey City; McGovern, Tommy (Terry), New York; McKay, Danny, Scotland.

Mace, Carey, Hartford; Marcel, Kid, France; Meredith, Hal, Miami; Millan, Charley, Baltimore; Minelli, Aldo, Italy; Molloy, Jimmy, England; Murphy, Rex, Australia; Pacheco, Chico, Brazil; Palermo, Frankie, New York; Palmer, Phil, Vancouver; Pedroso, Julio, Cuba; Petersen, Laurie, Australia.

Pelaia, Ernie, Beaver Falls, Pa.; Peralta, Mexican Joey, New York; Peyre, Egisto, Italy; Piitulainen, Yrgo, Finland; Plant, Bobby, Newark; Rafferty, Doll, Milwaukee; Riccio, Tony, Bayonne; Rock, Joe, England; Ross, George, New Waterford, N. S.; Ross, Joe, Holland; Rubio, Norman, Albany; Ruffin, Bobby, Astoria, N. Y.

Salvatore, Young, San Francisco; Sanders, Ric, England; Sands, Alfie, Australia; Sawicki, Leo, Worcester, Mass.; Sebastian, Flash, Hawaii; Secreet, Sammy, Detroit; Smith, Eddie, Rochester, N. Y.; Stewart, Ginger, Scotland; Taylor, Chuck, Coalport, Pa.

Thompson, Mickey, England; Towne, Art, New York; Turner, Earl, Oakland.

Tyler, Buster, Newark; Ward, Tommy, Australia; Wellard, Jim, England; Wells, Alf, Australia; Whyte, Willie, Scotland; Williams, Charley, Newark; Williams, John, Montgomery, Ala.

Wimms, Willie, Belgium; Wright, Berry, Cleveland; Zollo, Bobby, Providence.

Class 3

Adams, Albert, Kansas City; Aguila, Regino, Mexico; Allen, Harold, St. Paul; Ashford, Milton, Braddock, Pa.; Baltieri, George, New York; Barron, Arturo, Pacific Coast; Beaupre, Buster, Burlington, Vt.; Besselman, Jack, Pittsburgh; Bethea, Art, Washington, D. C.; Bleyhl, Howard, Madison, Minn.; Boderone, Jack, Brazil; Brandino, Patsy, Canada.

Brodt, Howard, Utica, N. Y.; Burton, Bobby, Providence; Bussey, Ted, Detroit; Cardell, Young, Hartford; Carter, Doug, Newark; Castiglione, Nick, Chicago; Ciarlo, Tommy, Waterbury, Conn.; Cohen, Davey, New York; Cordino, Frankie, Paterson, N. J.; Dabbs, Johnny, Texas; D'Amato, Joe, Youngstown, O.; Daniels, Charley, Pittsburgh; Delgado, Benny, Providence; DeLoach, Eli, New York; Duane, Frankie, Newark; Elliott, Charley (Bob), Miami; Ellis, Booker, St. Paul; Evans, Ben, Texas; Flores, Pedro, New York; Foster, Vincent, Omaha, Neb.; Fredda, Joey, New York.

Gall, Patsy, Freeland, Pa.; Graham, Otis, Philadelphia; Haber, Sid; Hairston, Eugene, New York; Harris, Charlie, Port Chester, N. Y.; Hart, Cliff, Syracuse, N. Y.; Hart, Harry, Akron; Highers, Al, Sheriff, N. Y.; Holderfield, Buddy, Memphis; Horton, Norman, Dayton; Howard, Russell, New York; Jack, Baby Beau, Atlanta, Ga.; Jackson, Ray, New York; Jackson, Stonewall, Baltimore; James, Tommy Lee, Pacific Coast.

Johnson, Clarence (Honey), Philadelphia; Johnson, Larry, Cleveland; Jordan, Joe, New York; Joyce, Gene, Gary, Ind.; Justine, Billy, Philadelphia; Kearns, Billy, Wethersfield, Conn.; King, Clarence (Cotton), Miami; La Salva, Vincent, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Lawrence, Tim, Chester, Pa.; Le Blanc, Gene, Fall River, Mass.; Lisle, Jack, Savannah, Ga.

Lovatt, Jackie, Providence; McCray, Billy (Shamus), Cleveland; McDaniels, Candy, Louisiana; McDonough, Jimmy, Scranton, Pa.; Mann, Bobby, Trenton; Marra, Tommy, White Plains, N. Y.; Marshall, Harry, Windsor, Ont.; Martino, Joe, Vailsburg, N. J.; Menendez, Julius, Los Angeles; Menna, Fred, New York; Milligan, Jim, Paterson, N. J.; Mills, Tommy, Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y.; Mistovich, Nick, Youngstown, O.; Mobliey, Al, Newark; Montabano, Ben, Birmingham, Ala.

Penn, Van, Clairton, Pa.; Petrone, Ernie, Philadelphia; Pruden, Willie, Toronto; Pryor, Bobby, Springfield, Mass.; Pyle, Joe, Montreal; Ray, Frankie, California; Reid, Al, Greenwood, S. C.; Reynolds, Sparky, Indianapolis; Robinson, Al, Fresno; Rose, Tony, Newark; Ross, Frankie, Boston; Saad, Mike, Manchester, N. H.

Sabatino, Steve, New York; Sales, Charley, Phoenix; Seidman, Al, Scranton; Sgro, Joe, Indianapolis; Shannon, Pat, Boston; Shans, Cleo, Los Angeles; Sinibaldi, Dom, Berlin, N. H.; Smith, Gene, Youngstown, O.; Smith, George B., Haverstraw, N. Y.; Spangler, Billy, Shelby, N. C.; Spencer, Tommy, New Waterford, N. S.; Stevenson, Ike, Framingham, Mass.; Terriano, Johnny, Cranston, R. I.; Thompson, Leon, Evansville, Ky.; Tierney, Billy, Cleveland; Tordiglione, Billy, Boston.

Vigeant, Frankie, Thomaston, Conn.; Walker, Benny, Oakland; Walkers, Jimmy, Willimantic, Conn.; Williams, Don, Worcester; Wilson, Bill, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Woods, Johnny, Boston; Woods, Junius, Buffalo; Young, Paddy, New York; Zaddell, Rudy, Barberton, O.

Class 4

Addeo, Freddy, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Anderson, Tom, New York; Angustine, Mike, California; Araujo, Tony, Providence; Armstrong, Jackie, Manchester, N. H.; Bailey, Bob (Buddy), New York; Baker, Knute (Buster), Terre Haute, Ind.; Banks, Charlie, Buffalo; Barao, Emil, Pacific Coast; Beauchene, Maurice, Brunswick, Me.; Bedingfield, Abner, Texas; Belanger, Frankie, Canada; Bell, Johnny, New Britain, Conn.; Bennett, Norman, Auburn, Me.; Bernhardt, Freddy, Akron.

Berry, Lou, Akron; Bitney, Orville, Omaha, Neb.; Bravata, Eddie, New York; Briscoe, Jimmy, Washington, D. C.; Brown, Howard (Buzz), St. Paul; Brown, Eddie, New York; Brown, Gene, Pittsburgh; Brown, George (Dusty), Philadelphia; Brown, Lawrence, Pacific Coast; Brown, Ray, Pittsburgh; Brunner, Ruffin, Pacific Coast; Buffalo, Gene, Philadelphia.

Butler, Ernie, New Britain, Conn.; Buxton, Laurie, England; Cafarella, Carmine (Rocky), New York; Cantero, Rene, Cuba; Capri, Johnny, Kingston, N. Y.; Chavez, Angel, Tampa; Christman, Billy, Pacific Coast; Coe, Johnny, Medford, Mass.; Colardo, Benny, Providence; Compo, Tony, Boston; Cooper, Ossie, Pittsburgh.

Corbett, Johnny, Brandford, Conn.; Corona, Morris, Port Arthur, Tex.; Coyhis, Clyde, Los Angeles; Cummings, Bob, Philadelphia; Cutler, Primos, Paulsboro, N. J.; Darby, Johnny, Paterson, N. J.; David, Rudy, Mexico; Davis, Paulie, St. Louis; De Guardio, Joe, Elizabeth; Dell, Frankie, New York; De Maio, Wally, New York; De Meterios, Jimmy, New York; Dennis, Ernest, Philadelphia; Dickinson, Jackie, Pacific Coast.

Di Martino, Joe, Bridgeport; Donovan, Paul, Boston; Dooley, Bill, Jamaica, N. Y.; Doyle, Pat, Fall River, Mass.; Duarte, Ernie, Pacific Coast; Edmunds, Willie, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Faiello, Joey, Pittsburgh; Feener, Frank, Randolph, Mass.; Fehl, Rusty, Bayonne, N. J.; Ferro, Marty, Detroit; Flowers, Young Tiger, Worcester, Mass.

Foran, Frankie, Summit, N. J.; Fossman, Cliff, Chicago; Gabriel, Leon, Atlantic City; Gagnon, Jimmy, Lewiston, Me.; Garcia, Freddie, Pacific Coast; Genovese, Tony, Boston; Gervin, George, Montreal; Gonzales, Panchito, Mexico; Gordon, Flash, San Diego; Gorman, Henry, Paterson, N. J.; Grant, Bobby, New York; Grimm, Billy, Owassa, Mich.; Guidry, Alvin, New Orleans; Gunter, Lee, Dallas; Hake, Ray, Florida; Hamm, Oliver, Temple, Tex.

Hammond, George, Riverside, N. J.; Hardison, Gene, Williamstown, N. C.; Harper, Bernie, New York; Haussman, Willard, Park Rapids, Minn.; Henderson, Henry, Tulsa, Okla.; Hidalgo, Diego, Des Moines; Hinson, Roscoe, New York; Holloway, Hal, Tacoma, Wash.; Holmes, Carter, Boston; Holton, Len, St. Louis; Hood, Melvin, Wichita, Kan.; Isler, Jimmy, Newark.

Jackson, Al, Chicago; Jones, Lee, Philadelphia; Jones, Marion, Pittsburgh; Jones, McCoy, Camden, N. J.; Jones, Richard, Pacific Coast; Kezale, Joe, Cleveland; Kinard, Billy, Orlando, Fla.; Lagor, Charlie, Pawtucket, R. I.; Levitt, Sol, New York; Llanos, Memo, Pacific Coast; Long, Richie, New York; Lott, Freddie, Newark; Louderman, William, Texas; Louis, Ray, San Diego; Lukes, Leonard, New York; Lynn, Larry, Tampa; McGloin, Eddie, New York; McKenzie, Art, New York; McNamara, Pete (Red), Cleveland.

Macomber, Blaine, Portland, Me.; Madison, Charley, Baltimore; Madsen, Ken, Chicago; Majcher, Henry, Pittsburgh; Manchio, Pete, New York; Marchese, Dom, New York; Margolin, Rudy, Montreal; Massey, Glen, Buffalo; Mastrean, Sammy, Pittsburgh; Melzer, Hy, New York; Michaud, Armand, Lisbon, Me.; Mills, Johnny, Texas; Mirabella, Pete, New York; Molina, Joe, Cuba; Moniz, Eddie, Fall River; Moore, Aaron, Newark; O'Hara, Butch, Hawaii; O'Mally, Pat, Cambridge, Mass.; Odom, Willie, Chicago; Oliver, Roughhouse, California.

Parker, Johnny, Springfield, Mass.; Parks, Tom, Rahway, N. J.; Patino, Eundoro, Texas; Patterson, Freddy, Rochester, N. Y.; Paul, Billy, Roxbury, Mass.; Peters, Dave, New York; Pierce, Jimmy, Vancouver; Poccia, Joe, Yonkers, N. Y.; Prince, Tony, Lewiston, Me.; Ray, Larry, Detroit; Richmond, Eddie, Providence; Richter, Russell, Paterson, N. J.; Rios, Tony, Mexico; Roberts, Henry, California; Robinson, Danny, Chicago.

Robinson, Lew, Jersey City; Rodriguez, Phil, Lewiston, Me.; Roundtree, Young, Philadelphia; Squall, Billy, Pittsburgh; Stevens, Cliff, Newark; St. Pierre, Oscar, Fall River, Mass.; Scanlon, Pat, New York; Scarpari, Vince, Newark; Seal, Eddie, Ocean Park, Cal.; Seep, Billy, Toronto.

Shans, Jimmy, Los Angeles; Shaw, Earl, Boston; Sherman, Georgie, Chicago; Silverman, Al, New York; Simpson, Fred, New York; Smith, Billy, Minneapolis; Smith, Billy, Nutley, N. J.; Smith, Connie, California; Soto, Art, Oakland; Taylor, Roscoe, Philadelphia; Thomas, Buddy, Washington, D. C.; Thomas, Len, Chicago; Thomas, Ray, California; Tibbs, Freddie, Columbus, O.

Unk, Willie, Baltimore; Vanhoff, Douglas, Oshkosh, Wis.; Varre, Charley, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Villages, Folly, El Centro, Cal.; Vinson, Harold, Detroit; Wade, Melvin (Tiger), Baltimore; Walker, Freddie, Durham, N. C.; Walker, Sam, Springfield, Mass.; Wallace, Frankie, Houston, Tex.; Ward, Elmer, Burlington, Vt.; Waters, Austin, Tampa; Watson, Paul, Baltimore.

Waugh, Chuck, New Orleans; Weinhold, Dickie, Denver; Wells, Johnny, Seattle; White, Sammy, Medford, Mass.; Williams, Bobby, New York; Williams, Eldred (Fox), New York; Williams, Garry, Newark; Williams, Oscar, Chicago; Wilson, Jackie, Topeka, Kan.; Wilson, Jimmy, Philadelphia; Wilson, Jimmy, Detroit; Wilson, William, New York; Wright, Don, Holyoke; York, Eddie, Boston; Zaduck, Pete, Toronto.

Lightweights
(Not exceeding 135 pounds)
World's Champion
Ike Williams, Trenton, N. J.

(Group 1)
1—Ike Williams, Trenton, N. J.
2—Enrique Bolanos, Los Angeles, Cal.
3—Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Rudy Cruz, Los Angeles, Cal.
5—Freddie Dawson, Chicago, Ill.

(Group 2)
1—Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill.
2—Jesse Flores, Stockton, Cal.
3—Billy Thompson, England
4—Buddy Garcia, Galveston, Texas
5—Maxie Docusen, New Orleans, La.

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in this division are rated about on a par.

Class 1

Angelo, Joey, Providence; Bagwell, Hal, England; Barnham, Tommy, England; Brady, Dennis Pat, New York; Cisneros, Larry, Questa, N. M.; Costantino, Charlie (Lulu), New York; Escobar, Alfredo, Los Angeles; Gallardo, Lalo, Mexico; Gent, Norman, Australia; Giosa, Eddie, Philadelphia.

Hawthorne, Stan, England; Hornby, Bert, England; Jacklich, Buddy, San Francisco; Jackson, Paulie, Reading, Pa.; Jiminez, Julio, Merida, Yucatan; Kogon, Julie, New Haven; Lewis, Charley (Cabey), New York; Mar, Tony, Mexico; Patrick, Vic, Australia; Proietti, Roberto, Italy; Stato, Nick, Hartford; Thomas, John, Los Angeles, Cal.; Tollis, Mick, Australia; Treasure, Roy, Australia; Webb, Danny, Montreal; Weber, Jackie, Pawtucket, R. I.; Young, Terry, New York.

Class 2

Armstrong, Jack (Spider), Toronto; Arguelles, Luis, Mexico; Bahri, Sadok, Spain; Bartfield, Danny, New York; Beltram, Willie, New York; Bleta, Dino, Canton, O.

Carter, James, New York; Castilloux, Dave, Montreal; Collins, Jimmy, Philadelphia; Curvis, Cliff, Wales; Dalton, Tim, Chicago; De Marco, Paddy, New York.

Decristo, Emile, France; Donnelly, Frank, Australia; Dunn, George, Hartford; English, Bobby, Fall River, Mass.; Fallon, Peter, England; Famechon, Andre, France; Flanagan, Del, St. Paul; Forte, Johnny, Philadelphia; Fuller, Les, Australia; Grupico, Vic, San Francisco; Guisti, Ernie, Warwick, R. I.; Heaney, Leo, Australia; Heiner, Ted, Australia; House, Chief Gordon, Houston, Tex.; Hudson, Eddie, Los Angeles; Huff, Earl, Camden, N. J.; Huskey, Nathaniel, Pacific Coast; Jones, Cliff, Australia; Jones, Harold, Detroit; Julien, Jean, France; Junior, Young, Springfield, Mass.; Kelly, Terry, England; Kemp, Archie, Australia; Kenny, Emmett, England; King, Arthur, Toronto; La Bua, Tony, Ozone Park, N. Y.; Lara, Ralph, Gardena, Cal.; La Russo, Johnny, New York; Lassain, Henry, Houston, Tex.; Lewis, Ray, Hawaii.

McEvan, Al, Australia; McGrory, Tim, Scotland; McLaren, Johnny, Scotland; McLean, Jim, Scotland; McLuckie, Bob, Scotland; Malacara, Carlos, Chihuahua, Mex.; Marcus, Eddie, Los Angeles; Marshall, Jackie, Scotland; Miller, Ace, Toledo; Ouezman, Maurice, France; Perez, Max, France; Preys, Josef, Belgium; Quinlan, Reg, England; Russell, Willie, Columbus, O.; Russo, Freddie, Rahway, N. J.

Shinn, Richie, San Francisco; Smith, Johnny, Australia; Spencer, Gene, Chicago; Stenhouse, Tommy, Buffalo; Tiger, Blond, Lowell, Mass.; Torres, Saul, Mexico; Trigo, Mario, California; Varcoe, Albie, Australia; Warren, Jimmy, New York; Watts, Johnny, Australia; Wells, Tommy (Red), Manchester, N. H.; Willis, Leroy, Detroit; Wilmer, Archie, Philadelphia; Wilson, Ian, Scotland.

Class 3

Andrews, Roy, Lowell, Mass.; Baldesano, Al, Buffalo; Barron, Dario, Pacific Coast; Baxter, Charles, Chicago; Bertolino, Eddie, Galveston; Brown, Joe, Baton Rouge, La.; Bucca, Santa, Philadelphia; Bussey, Talmadge, Detroit; Cain, Murray (Sugar), Akron; Campbell, Tommy, Rock Island, Ill.; Cantor, Sol, New York; Carkido, Joey, Youngstown, O.; Casiano, Lou, New York; Chavez, Fabala, Los Angeles; Conti, Frankie, Haverhill, Mass.; Cornwall, Billy, Des Moines; Corti, Jimmy, Trenton; Davis, John L., Pacific Coast; Demers, Pat, Brockton, Mass.; Desmarais, Florient, Manchester, N. H.; Desmarais, Oliver, Manchester, N. H.; Discepoli, Joe, Cincinnati; Dykes, Bobby, Texas; Felton, Lester, Detroit; Ford, Bolton, Homestead, Pa.; Garcia, Robert (Buddy), Galveston, Tex.; Gibson, Billy, San Francisco; Giovanelli, Patsy, New York; Gomes, Walter, New Bedford, Mass.; Gromada, Frank, New York; Harmon, Thompson, New York; Harvey, Dennis (Moe), Warren, O.; Henderson, Joe, Detroit.

Hernandez, Dave, San Bernardino; Hintlian, Harry, Worcester, Mass.; Howard, Richard (Kid), Halifax, N. S.; Howell, Erskine, Fresno; Johnson, Herbie, New York; King, Jerry, Providence; Klingmeyer, Ray, Baltimore; Kronis, Steve, Boston; La Brutta, Lenny, Peterstown, N. J.; La Chance, Maurice (Lefty), Lisbon, Me.; Le Blond, Leon, Lisbon, Me.; Lewis, Walter (Cabey), New York; Lucero, Zeke, Pacific Coast; Marino, Johnny, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Marsh, Dave, Akron; Martin, George, New York; Martinez, Tote, Pacific Coast; Maxwell, Butch, Muskegon, Mich.; Mekler, Jerry, Detroit.

Mendoza, Richie, Santa Monica, Cal.; Meyershiro, Ken, Hawaii; Miller, Johnny, Stockton; Orange, Richie, New York; Petro, Danny, Washington, D. C.; Polowitzer, Bobby, Hartford; Polowitzer, Henry, Hartford; Polowitzer, Joe, Hartford; Prado, Filio, Mexico.

Priest, Johnny, Cambridge, Mass.; Rhoten, Marion, Milwaukee; Roache, Willie, Philadelphia; Robinson, Jim, Canton, O.; Rowe, Stacky, Pittsburgh; Stine, Harold, Newark; Stout, Eddie, Texas; Talbert, Charley, Beaumont, Texas; Thomas, Eddie, Philadelphia; Thomas, Eddie, Baltimore; Timpson, Bobby, Youngstown, Ohio; Turner, Jesse, St. Louis; Underwood, Jesse, Charlestown, W. Va.; Villabu, Juan, Cuba; Washington, Buddy, Pocatello, Ida.; Welch, Bobby, Boston; West, Sonny Boy, Washington, D. C.; Wood, Barry, Worcester, Mass.; Zavala, Humberto, Mexico.

Class 4

Agnello, Angelo, Philadelphia; Albarran, Chamaco, Texas; Alvarez, Young Chino, Cuba; Amador, Baby, Mexico; Amoroso, Dom, Jersey City; Anzalone, Ross, New York; Arce, Peter, New York; Arnone, Anthony, New Orleans; Baron, Red, Miami; Bates, Billy, Pittsburgh; Beamon, Bobby, Indianapolis; Belfiore, Joe, Southwark, Pa.; Bernardo, Johnny, Philadelphia; Best, Andy, Montreal; Biesca, Pedro, Mexico; Bighley, Dick, St. Paul; Birch, Sammy, Cincinnati; Boras, Gene, Elizabeth, N. J.

Bort, Julie, New York; Boulais, Pete, Holyoke, Mass.; Bowie, Arbie, Aliquippa, Pa.; Brady, Pat, New York; Brandt, Eddie, Dayton; Breese, Quentin (Baby), San Diego; Brett, Augie, Hartford; Briere, Henry (Kid), Putnam, Conn.; Britto, Lee, Providence; Brocato, Joey, New York; Brown, Chuck, Portland, Ore.; Broxton, Leon, Philadelphia.

Bueno, Felix, San Jose; Burgess, Bob, Vallejo, Cal.; Burton, Charley, Newark; Butler, Young Dan, New York; Caesar, Leonard, New Orleans; Callura, Richie, Bloomfield, Pa.

Camacho, Rene, Cuba; Cannon, Ron, California; Capcino, Vic, Kensington, Pa.; Carpenter, Billy, Elmira, Pa.; Carr, Edmund, Kansas City; Carrero, Juan, Puerto Rico; Carter, Darnell, Pacific Coast; Carter, Nunzio, Philadelphia; Cervan, Fernand, Canada; Chatmon, Johnny, Buffalo.

Chavez, Tony, San Jose; Cobbins, Oliver, Cincinnati; Cofield, Billy, Baltimore; Cotty, Bud, Indianapolis; Cruz, Auriello, Mexico; Davis, Francis (Corky), Worcester; Dell, Johnny, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Demers, Bobby, Brockton, Mass.; Demines, Walter, Baltimore; Donovan, Charley, New York; Downing, Bill, Lakewood, N. J.; Drachmas, Andy, New York; Ducharme, Tony, Montreal; Eddington, Johnny, Youngstown, O.; Eddy, Bill, Flint, Mich.

Eisenberger, Jackie, Pittsburgh; Enopia, James, Hawaii; Estrada, Jorge, Cuba; Fagan, Joey, Philadelphia; Ferrara, Tony, New York; Ferrante, Pete, New York; Ferry, Tony, Fall River, Mass.; Figueroa, Chuey, Los Angeles; Fuller, Bobby, Lake Worth, Fla.

Garcia, Art, New Haven; Garcia, Julius, New York; Garrett, Leo, Cleveland; Gaultiere, Al, Louisville; Glenn, Perk, Pacific Coast; Gomes, Greg, New York; Gonzales, Al, Los Angeles; Goodbee, Archie, Albany, N. Y.; Greb, Tommy, Boston; Griffin, Jesse, Palm Beach, Fla.; Haanefan, Shandu, Pacific Coast; Haines, Kenny, London, Ont.

Harris, Leslie, Baltimore; Headley, Al, Charleston, S. C.; Hebert, Joe, Lowell, Mass.; Herman, Freddie (Babe), Phoenix, Ariz.; Hill, Jimmy, Monaca, Pa.; Hodges, Chester, Detroit; Holmes, Joe, Passaic, N. J.; Huerta, Henry, Peoria, Ill.; Jackson, Leon, Cambridge, Mass.; James, Curtis, Pacific Coast.

Jarvis, Bobby, Kansas City; Jefferson, Tom, Baltimore; Jones, Dick, Saratoga, N. Y.; Joyce, Jimmy, Gary, Ind.; Keene, Walter, Pittsburgh; Kelly, Joe, California; King, Willie, Chester, Pa.; Kushner, Joey, Syracuse; Labohrie, Shorty, Newark; Lessard, Buddy, Manchester, N. H.; Lester, Doug, Miami; Lewis, Oscar, Newark; Lynch, Jimmy, Worcester; McLarnin, Jimmy, Fall River; Maes, Freddy, Denver; Marino, Mario, New York; Marmo, Joe, Paterson, N. J.; Martin, Chet, Akron; Mastrian, Norman, Minneapolis.

Miller, Billy, New York; Mills, Harry, Chicago; Mollozzi, Dominic, Elizabeth, N. J.; Monar, Ken, Hawaii; Montes, Paulino, Texas; O'Malley, Martin, California; O'Neill, Benny, California; Padilla, Vince, California; Parisi, Harry, Baltimore; Parker, Salty, Baltimore; Paul, Lon, Boston; Perkins, Red, Lynn, Mass.; Perry, Floyd, Kansas City; Pooler, Bob, Portland; Prince, Eddie, Detroit; Reed, Billy, Indianapolis; Ricco, Jimmy, Baltimore.

Richardson, Lucky, California; Robbins, Hal, Vancouver; Robinson, Frank (Smoky), Oil City, Okla.; Rodriguez, Tony, San Francisco; Rojo, George, Tampa; Root, Bobby, Detroit; Rosado, Bobby, New York; Russey, Eddie, San Francisco; Ryan, Danny, New York; Salaco, Gene, New York; Sanchez, Zarcillo, Mexico City; Sandoral, Ray, California.

Schiavone, Dick, New York; Sciarra, Jimmy, Hoboken, N. J.; Scott, Charley, Covington, Ky.; Scott, Willie, Gary, Ind.; Serrano, Willie, New York; Shelby, Al Detroit; Sheppard, Wayne, San Francisco; Smith, Oscar, California; Solomon, Ray, Washington, S. C.; Sosa, Nado, Mexico.

Stevens, Walter, Newark; Stewart, Parker, California; Stoddard, Bobby, Fall River; Strauss, Billy, Paterson, N. J.; Sublett, Hugh, Detroit; Sullard, Claude, Wichita, Kan.; Sundberg, Bernie, Montreal; Sutton, Billy, Providence; Thurman, Clarence, Danville, Ill.; Varona, Julian, Cuba; Villaneuva, Johnny, Pittsburgh; Vincent, Jimmy, Lowell, Mass.; Walker, Lee, California.

Watkins, Jackie, Homestead, Pa.; Watkins, Jay, Flint, Mich.; Watson, Jesse, Philadelphia; Watts, Lloyd, Chicago; Weiss, Moe, New York; Welch, Bobby, Columbus, O.; Weyland, Ed., Jersey City; White, Ed., Jersey City; White, Ed., Jamaica, N. Y.; Williams, Bobby, Scranton, Pa.

Williams, Charley, Philadelphia; Williams, Johnny, San Francisco; Williams, Sammy, California; Wilson, Harold, Denver; Wilson, Mickey, Detroit; Wimberly, Bob, Passaic, N. J.; Zaicko, Jimmy, Baltimore; Zamarappa, Baby, Mexico.

Featherweights
(Not exceeding 127 pounds)

World's Champion
Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.

(Group 1)
Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.

(Group 2)
1—Humberto Sierra, Cuba
2—Sandy Saddler, New York City
3—Charley Riley, St. Louis, Mo.
4—Miguel Acevedo, Cuba
5—Jose Baby Gonzales, Cuba
6—Manny Ortega, El Paso, Texas
7—Henry Davis, Honolulu, T. H.
8—Chico Rosa, Honolulu, T. H.
9—Jock Leslie, Flint, Mich.
10—Carlos Chavez, Los Angeles, Cal.
11—Harold Dade, Chicago, Ill.
12—Ronnie Clayton, England
13—Al Phillips, England
14—Jackie Graves, Minneapolis, Minn.

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Class 1

Aguilar, Ernesto, Mexico; Anderson, Cliff, British Guiana; Cabanella, Speedy, Manila, P. I.; Calles, Oscar, Venezuela; Famechon, Raymond, France; Hayes, Timothy (Buddy), Boston; Jones, Herbie (Biff), Washington, D.C.; Lopez, Leonardo, Mexico; McAllister, Jimmy, Baltimore; Miller, Eddie, Australia; Safora, Lorenzo, Cuba; Sosa, Diego, Cuba; Terranova, Phil, New York.

Toma, Aurel, Portland, Ore.; Vegara, Simon, Venezuela; Wilson, Jackie, Pittsburgh; Zefine, Kid, Panama; Zuluta, Orlando, Cuba.

Class 2

Analzark, Mick, Australia; Archambaud, Jean, France; Barone, Joe, Pittsburgh; Barquerito, El, Santo Domingo; Benator, Andre, France; Blanchafd, Doc, Boston; Bonetti, Erminio, Italy; Burns, Tommy, England; Clemo, Joey, Portland, Ore.; Corregioli, Italy; Cremers, Jean, Belgium; Cusick, Johnny, England; Dempsky, Johnny, Australia; Dodin, Bernard, France; Dogniaux, Paul, France; Dolan, Joey, Spokane, Wash.; Duffy, Ben, England; Firpo, Pedro, Camden, N. J.; Flannery, Frank, Australia; Foran, Gus, England; Giant, Little, San Diego.

Healy, Jim, England; Hudson, Lloyd, Bath, Me.; Iacobucci, Pat, Cincinnati; Itube, Antonio, Spain; Jackson, Bobby, Los Angeles; Johnson, Charlie, Pacific Coast; Kenny, Frank, Scotland; Kenny, Jim, Scotland; Le Brun, Leo, New York; Lombard, Tony, South Africa; Lucraft, Jackie, England; McCullough, Eddie, Ireland; McCready, Eric, Australia; Machtelinck, Arthur, Belgium; Malone, Mickey, Scotland; Molloy, Johnny, England; Nagle, Danny, Ireland.

Osario, Filberto, Puerto Rico; Peckham, Teddy, England; Pennino, Al, New York; Perez, George, Miami; Perez, Pelon, Mexico City; Rivera, Manuel, Mexico City; Shifflett, Floyd, Rome, Ga.; Smith, Al, Boston; Smith, Tom, England; Soare, Angie, Detroit; Turpin, Jackie, England; Virgin, Petey, Schenectady; Wenman, Ken, Australia; White, Charley, England; Wilson, Jackie, Australia.

Class 3

Allen, Davey (Red), Port Chester, N. Y.; Alter, Lou, Montreal; Alvarez, Tony, Cuba; Ambrosano, Angelo, New York; Baker, Tommy, Cliffside, N. J.; Bernard, Bernie, New York; Burgess, Luther, Detroit; Callura, Jimmy, Montreal; Compo, Eddie, New Haven; Costa, Joe, Springfield, Mass.; Devino, Archie, Newark; Eisen, Vic, Buffalo; Farrello, Sal, New York; Flanagan, Glen, St. Paul; Foley, Bill, Rochester, N. Y.

Gagnier, Hubert, Montreal; Garcia, Francisco Colon, Puerto Rico; Gillard, Billy, Germantown, Pa.; Harris, Jackie, Malden, Mass.; Harvey, Harry, Savannah, Ga.; Hitchins, Sidney, California; Holt, Red, New Orleans.

Hudson, Leon, Cambridge, Mass.; Johnson, Joe, New Orleans; Johnson, Johnny, New York; La Chapelle, Maurice, Canada; Leo, Willie, Portland, Me.; Lima, Billy, Boston; Longo, Joey, Baltimore; Longo, Tony, Baltimore; Lucas, Joe, New York; McClellan, Jimmy, Toledo; Many, Benny, Montreal.

Midiri, Paul, New York; Melito, Leo, New York; Miller, Clint, Elizabeth, N. J.; Perrault, Edgar, Berlin, N. H.; Ramirez, Felix, California; Richard, Gene, Montreal; Rivers, Ruben, Chicago; Rooney, Jim, Bridgeport; Swain, Teddy, Toronto; Talbert, Charley, Beaumont, Tex.; Terranova, Nat., New York; Titone, Charlie, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Valles, Tito, New York; Warren, Eddie, Kentucky; Young, Vic, Boston.

Class 4

Alexander, Willie, Chester, Pa.; Alva, Ramon, San Antonio; Amaya, Joe, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Andrade, Sammy, Pacific Coast; Baggett, Blondy,

Tampa; Barriere, Jean, Montreal; Becerra, Tony, Guadaljara, Mex.; Benton, Cappy, Chicago; Bernel, Mike, Pacific Coast; Berry, Eddie, Brockton, Mass.; Biggie, Ossie, Pacific Coast; Bitet, Mike, New York; Bohles, Lee, Cleveland; Bolduc, Joe (Pinky), Cambridge, Mass.; Bolos, Pete, Detroit; Bonner, Roosevelt, Pacific Coast; Borja, Dick, New Orleans; Boufford, Johnny, Lewiston, Me.; Brown, Jimmy, Baltimore.

Brunton, Jimmy, Springfield, Mass.; Butler, Sam, New York; Carson, Frankie (Kid), Newark; Castrilli, Lou, New York; Chernoff, Sammy, New York; Colon, Joe, Honolulu; Cox, Jimmy, Dallas; Creelman, Vic, Minneapolis; Cucinotti, Joe, Philadelphia.

Custer, Clem, Detroit, Daoust, Ray, Montreal; De Fazio, Johnny, Bayonne, N. J.; De France, Ernie, Wichita, Kan.; Del, Joey, New York; Diaz, Baby Joe, Cuba; Dick, Marvin, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Diduck, Harry, New York; Disoso, Lawton, New Orleans; Dulmaine, Ray, Millbury, R. I.; Eagan, Pat (Red), West Warwick, R. I.; English, Clyde, New York; Evans, Mal, Providence; Fernandez, Orlando, Cuba; Fearnley, Frankie, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Flagg, Roosevelt, Albany, N. Y.; Flowers, Pat, New Orleans; Ford, Billy, New York; Fuentes, Robert, New York; Gamby, Joe, New York; Garcia, Mickey, Puerto Rico; Gerrard, Frankie, Toledo; Gomes, Gene, Boston; Gonzales, Gilbert, Los Angeles; Grant, Red, Toledo; Gray, Ronnie, Baltimore; Hammond, Mel, Minneapolis; Haro, Rocky, Pacific Coast; Hegeman, Jimmy, New York; Helm, Eddie, Vancouver, B. C.; Iguchi, Paul, Los Angeles; Johnson, Al, Plainfield, N. J.; Jones, Ivan, Portland, Me.

Juliano, Johnny, Paterson, N. J.; Kachardus, Nick, Chicago; Kaczmarek, Tommy, Elizabeth, N. J.; King, Tommy, Newark; Knox, George, Newark; Labbe, Bud, Lisbon, Me.; La Falgio, George, New York; Lapara, Augie, New Orleans; La Salle, Ralph, Puerto Rico; Latson, Freddie, St. Louis; Lavigne, Jerry, Montreal; Le Blanc, Al, Lewiston, Me.; Lee, Hal, Pacific Coast; Liggett, Billy, Trenton; Logan, Bobby, New London, Conn.; Louis, Pete, California; Luis, Joe, Pacific Coast.

McLain, Kenny, New York; Maguire, Mickey, Boston; Marcus, Len, Pacific Coast; Martin, Danny, Detroit; Martin, Frankie, Boston; Martinez, Gil, Pacific Coast; Martinez, Johnny, Denver; Martinez, Paul, Omaha, Neb.; Mays, Billy, Boston; Mendoza, Davey, Pacific Coast; Molina, Bobby, California; Monty, Tommy, New York; Okura, Hank, Chicago.

Palaza, Joe, Boston; Parker, Matt, Camden, N. J.; Pasco, Rudy, New York; Perrara, Jim, New York; Proccia, Ralph, New York; Proctor, Billy, Harrisburg, Pa.; Pucci, Frankie, Toronto; Ramos, Luis, New York; Ramsey, Jerry, Vallejo, Cal.; Rawling, Luther, Chicago.

Reed, Tommy, Philadelphia; Reedy, Jim, Palmer, Mass.; Rivera, Dom, New York; Roberts, Guillermo, New York; Rodriguez, Jesus, Mexico; Romano, Joe, Topeka, Kan.; Roque, Raul, New York; Salas, Lauro, California; Sanders, Nick, St. Louis; Scarlato, Joe, New York; Serratos, Eduardo, Mexico; Sileo, Tony, New York; Smith, Dick, California; Sulla, Jimmy, Philadelphia; Sullivan, Jimmy, Boston.

Swingler, Pee Wee, California; Taber, Martin, Providence, R. I.; Tambe, Joe, Buffalo; Tarantino, Mike, New York; Tengan, Hideo, Hawaii; Therreault, Maurice, Lewiston, Me.; Torres, Aponte Jose, New York; Umeda, Tommy, Hawaii; Vega, Tito, New York; Wasnick, Joey, Hartford, Conn.; Weasel, Willie, Philadelphia; Weber, Allie, Pawtucket, R. I.; Williams, Louis, Kansas City; Wilson, Grady, New York; Wright, George, Clairton, Pa.; Yarratt, Auggie, Louisville; Yirac, Arquimides, Cuba.

Bantamweights
(Not exceeding 118 pounds)
World's Champion
Manuel Ortiz, El Centro, Cal.

(Group 1)

1—Manuel Ortiz, El Centro, Cal.
2—Peter Kane, England
3—Jackie Paterson, Scotland
4—Luis Galvani, Cuba
5—Luis Castillo, Los Angeles, Cal.
6—David Kui Kong Young, Honolulu, T. H.
7—Bunty Doran, Ireland
8—Armando Puenti Pi, Cuba
9—Fernando Gagnon, Quebec, Can.
10—Tsuneshi Maruo, Honolulu, T. H.

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in this division are rated about on a par.

Class 1

Bennett, Elley, Australia; Cardinale, Buenevento, Italy; Cornelis, Joe, Belgium; Kerr, Charley, Scotland; Lewis, Norman, Wales; Medina, Theo, France; Mousse, George, France; Olivera, Tony, San Jose, Cal.; Robles, Jorge, Mexico City; Sanchez, George, Puerto Rico; Turner, Jackie, Vancouver, B. C.

Class 2

Boom, Johnny, England; Burns, Charley, Ireland; Carr, Mickey, Australia; Coffin, Len, England; Collins, Joe Boy, Ireland; Douglas, Eddie, England; Draper, Ronnie, England; Etter, Calstro, Switzerland; Fernandez, Luis, France; Ferracin, Guido, Italy; Hatcher, Ken, Australia; Jouas, Jean, France; Kennedy, George, Australia; McKay, Mickey, South Africa; Madine, Tommy, Ireland; O'Neill, Teddy, Scotland; O'Sullivan, Danny, England.

Parkes, Georgie, Scotland; Reynolds, Sammy, England; Robinson, Dave, Australia; Sinnaeve, Alex, Belgium; Stewart, Jimmy, Scotland; Webster, Jimmy, England; Webster, Jimmy, South Africa.

Class 3

Collins, Tom, Boston; Gonzales, Roman, Cuba; Jackson, Howard, Kansas City; Kelly, Gene, Austin, Tex.; Leigh, Calvin, Rochester, N. Y.; McGow, Chuck, Indianapolis.

Class 4

Barrett, Billy, Louisville; Berrigan, Bunny, Waukesha, Wis.; Cocco, Tony, Philadelphia; Di Piano, Frankie, Philadelphia; Fairfield, Cliff (Tuffy), Indianapolis; Frederick, Ivor, New York.

Garcia, Jose Colon, Puerto Rico; Gonzales, Corky, Denver, Colo.; Haller, Vic, Springfield, Mass.; Herrera, Billy, California; Hines, Eddie, Pittsburgh; Jiminez, Bee Bee, California.

Perry, John, Hawaii; Rios, Gabriel, New York; Sheely, Bill, Newark; Soares, Joe, Hawaii; Totor, Hawaii; Trout, Tommy, Philadelphia; Valentine, Val, Delta, Col.; Waialua, Kid, Hawaii.

Flyweights
(Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion
Rinty Monaghan, Ireland

(Group 1)

1—Rinty Monaghan, Ireland
(Recognized in U. S. but Jackie Paterson of Scotland is recognized as world title holder in England.)
2—Dado Marino, Honolulu, T. H.
3—Maurice Sandeyron, France
4—Monito Flores, Mexico
5—Dickie O'Sullivan, England
6—Raoul Degryse, France
7—Emile Famechon, France
8—Mustapha Mustaphaoui, Algeria
9—Spider Tymms, Australia
10—Jimmy Hogg, Australia
11—Terry Allen, England
12—Ike Weir, Ireland
13—Mickey Hill, Australia

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in this division are rated about on a par.

Class 1

Bryce, Jackie, Scotland; Butwell, Stumpy, Australia; Cardinale, Buenvenito, Italy; Curran, Joe, England; Davies, Billy, Scotland; Pico, Black, Cuba; Squire, Charley, England; Chavez, Al, Los Angeles, Cal.

Class 2

Farracker, Tommy, England; Foster, Jackie, Ireland; Gill, Jimmy, England; Harris, Gus, England; Hazelgrove, Billy, England; Johnson, Les, England; Jones, Haydn, Wales; Summers, Johnny, Scotland; Tennant, Norman, Scotland.

Class 3

Burney, Tommy, England; Fairclough, Jackie, England; Fitzsimmons, Eddie, England; Harrison, Mark, England; King, Joe, Belfast; Hutt, Al, Burma; McCoy, Frank (Kid), Ireland; McCullough, Andy, Scotland; Schoonmaker, Cecil, California; Swart, Nick, South Africa; Thompson, Pinchie, Jamaica, B. W. I.; Tierney, Frank, Scotland.

THE ROUND OF THE YEAR
FOURTH ROUND
(Louis-Walcott Bout)

LOUIS, still the aggressor, pushed forward as Walcott retreated. The champion stabbed two lefts to Jersey Joe's face. The challenger flicked a left to Louis' face. As Joe, still moving forward, jabbed with his left, Walcott suddenly lashed out with his own left and followed with a whistling right. Both punches caught the champion on the jaw and sent him sprawling to the canvas.

Louis, dazed, took a count of seven and arose unsteadily. Walcott, assuming the aggressive, stormed across the ring, trying to put over the finisher, but Louis tied him up.

The champion, recovering from the knockdown, began to take the lead again, and Walcott reverted to his tactics of retreating, sidestepping, pivoting and waiting for opportunities to sneak across counter punches.

Louis was still stalking his back-pedaling foe as the round ended.

Scandals

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about this. The fans should have been protected.

The Commission was justified in using its wide police powers to the extent of barring LaMotta. Now the NBA faces the chance to urge promoters around the country to grab another boxer from New York's paws, and give Jake some lucrative matches.

The year developed some nasty situations in California. Just why the Pacific Coast keeps being rocked with small ring scandals, in the face of Commission alertness, I don't know. But, those scandals keep cropping up out there.

In Wisconsin a manager and second were barred for life because they were associated with gambling houses. In several other states the commissions have taken the bull by the horns to put boxing in order, but it is a tough job because of political influence. If politics were taken out of boxing, there would be a cleanup in no time.

Rookie of the Year

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of several fine newcomers, among them middleweights Evvie Ehlers and Duggie Miller, welterweight George Angelo, lightweight Jackie Solomon and featherweight Tony Lombard.

By a strange twist of a whimsical destiny, younger brothers of Australia's two top ringmen—welterweight Tommy Burns and middleweight Dave Sands—were among the island continent's outstanding fistic developments of 1947.

Rex Murphy, brother of Burns (whose right name is Geoffrey Murphy), and Alfie Sands, fifth member of the celebrated fighting family to don the mittens, both hit main-event status in their sophomore years of leather-pushing, and are rated among the best welterweights Down Under.

Two other Australians to reach the top brackets were George Kennedy, bantamweight, and Spider Tymms, flyweight.

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AFTER many a long, tedious hour of piling through the records, checking and re-checking the best developments of the year, the final selection for the outstanding "new face" uncovered during 1947 settled down to a choice from among Minelli, Roach, Docusen and Darthard.

And those were the four names submitted to a round-table gathering of THE RING staff for ultimate decision.

The voting was close, as it figured to be. But the final score, in what horse-race enthusiasts would call a photo-finish, gave the edge, by the narrowest of conceivable margins, to Roach.

So, for the first winner of what will become an annual award by THE RING to the year's outstanding development, we give you:

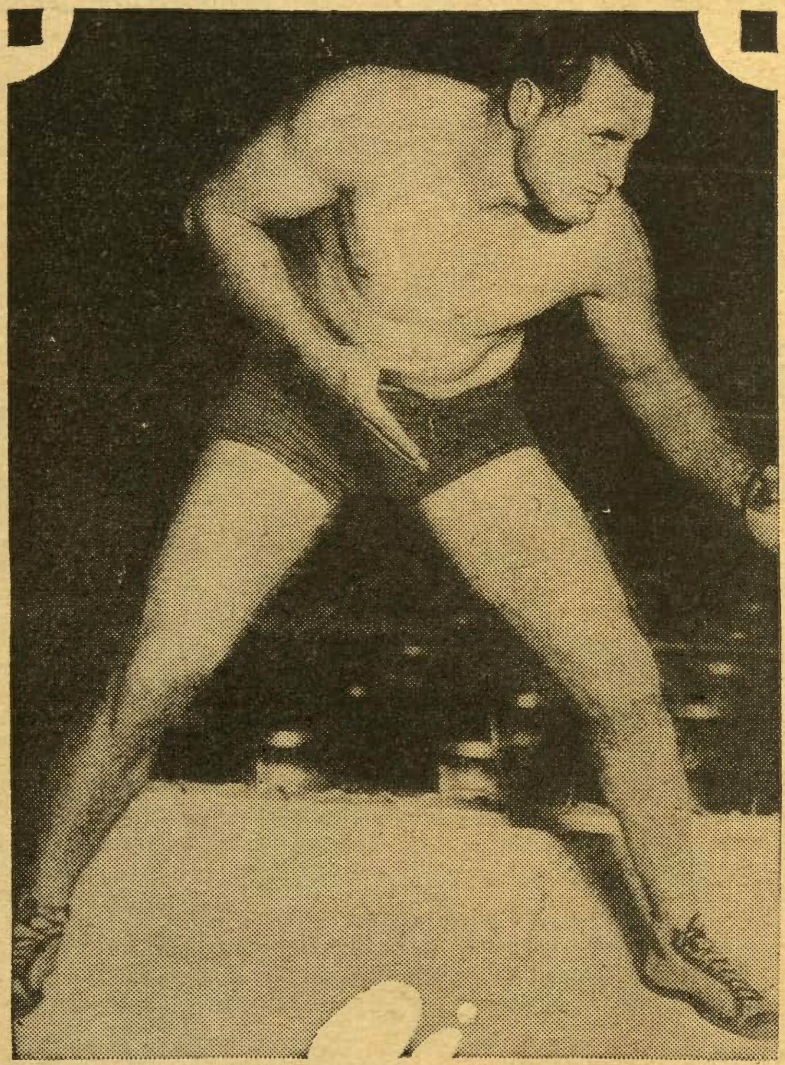
Laverne Roach, late of Plainview, Texas, and the United States Marine Corps, now of Millburn, N. J., and a lad who, during 1947, rose from boxing's preliminary ranks to the status of a ranking big-time middleweight.

NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By "STANLEY"

WORD has reached us from the Midwest that Lee Wykoff, a mat favorite for the golden age of wrestling, has returned to the wars. We can remember this clean-cut college boy from his days as a main eventer in Madison Square Garden where he met the likes of Londos, Lewis, Stein, Steele, Dusek, McMillen and the other greats of that era. Wykoff was as fast a man as we have ever seen on the mat. A master of all the holds and a showman second to none. Several fans have requested a short biography of Lee so here it is:

Born in Mayetta, Kansas, on March 10, 1902, Wykoff, who stands six feet one inch and weighs 215 pounds, is a wrestler who possesses plenty of "color." Wykoff's parents were keen that their youngster should have all the education money could provide, and being studiously inclined, he was no disappointment to them. He attended grade school in his hometown, graduated from high school, attended Washburn College and finished his schooling at the University of St. Louis.



Lee Wykoff, veteran wrestler, who has returned to the mat wars. Always a credit to the sport, Lee's comeback is a welcome treat to mat fans.

Wykoff started wrestling in the Mound City while attending the university. Keen to make a success of anything he undertook, young Wykoff grabbed every opportunity he could to train with the outstanding wrestlers of the country and learn the tricks of the trade direct from the masters. He trained with such outstanding stars as Joe Stecher and Ed "Strangler" Lewis, former world's heavyweight champions, and others.

When he felt that he had absorbed and mastered the best holds, he went to the Pacific Coast where he made his pro debut and where he made a great name for himself. After spilling all the good boys on the coast, Wykoff came east to New England, where he gained fame.

His first defeat in the New England states came at the hands of Gus Sonnenberg, former heavyweight champion, and Wykoff blames his own carelessness for that reverse. Previous to that he fought a draw with Pat McGill, beat John Friberg, drew with Marin Plestina, beat Joe DeVito, whipped Stanley Pinto, won over Stanley Pinto, beat Gus Pappas, won over Tony Bernardo, drew with Stanley Stasiak and drew with Farmer George McLeod, each getting a fall in a time limit bout.

Wykoff made sixteen letters in high school and thirteen letters in college. He placed on the all-state and all Conference teams in all four of the major sports. Wykoff once received a tryout with the St. Louis Browns as a pitcher, but he liked wrestling better and quit the diamond.

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EUROPEAN wrestling news clippings sent to THE RING by Charles "Spider" Mascall:

As these notes are being clippered to New York, Maurice Tillet, the original French Angel, is winding up a successful holiday-business tour of Europe. He will be back in Chicago before these words become public chatter.

Ivar Paul Martensen, veteran Danish heavyweight, caused a local sensation by trouncing Bert Assirati, the British heavyweight mat monarch, in Paris. It was a contest between two able experts of the craft and for the Londoner it was his first defeat in a long, long time.

Jim Casey, giant Kerryman, left these shores for the United States after a short sojourn. There was a good deal of controversy between the Irishman and Assirati for the latter's British title. Efforts were made to bring the pair together on the part of Promoters Gerald Eagan in Ireland and George Callaghan in England, but Casey sailed without clashing with the Englishman and the score remains unsettled.

According to advices from America, Karl Pojello, Lithuanian warrior of wrestling, will lead the invasion of foreign matmen to visit Europe this coming summer. Harold Starr, Chief Osley Saunooke, enormous Cherokee Indian; Stan Karoyli, the Hungarian; "Ruffie" Silverstein, former Big Ten Champion; Nick Elitch and Maurice Tillet have all announced their intentions to make the trip. . . . In England, recently, was Albert van Auwera, "god-like" grappler from the Low Countries. Appearing at famed Belle Vue Stadium, Manchester, he received a rousing reception. To promoters in the United States seeking new stars, van Auwera is highly recommended. He is a heavyweight with nearly ten years' wrestling behind him. . . . Worth watching amongst the foreign headliners are: Vic Hessle (England), Mario Matassa (Belgium), Ray Buvoac (France), Roland Bonneville (France) and Ernie "Kiwi" Kingston, former Burma jungle fighter. . . . From South Africa comes word that "Baron" Henri Irslinger, globe-trotting wrestling celeb, is back promoting the sport after a trip to South America. . . . Add to the recent arrivals list these additions to the mat programs in England: Pat Currie, blond Terry Evans and Joe Meich.

Abdul The Turk has been compelled to put off his world tour until a later date so that he can maintain his wrestling bookings in England and France. The Turk is a big drawing card.

"RING *and* GLOVE"

A Survey of Boxing, Depicting the History of the Sport From Its Beginning, Is Featured by the New York Museum

By TED CARROLL

WHILE the city's newspapers glaringly headline boxing "investigations," "trials," "hearings," "charges," etc., and the New York District Attorney's office pinwheels round and round the boxing beat to the neglect of evildoers of much more menace to the metropolis, the City of New York itself quietly pays tribute to the ring game with a striking exhibit on pugilism in the City's own Museum on upper Fifth Avenue. The metropolitan press, always alert to anything on the sour side as it affects boxing, found little space available when reporting this display.

The Museum of the City of New York occupies a large building on 104th Street and Fifth Avenue facing Central Park. It contains relics, pictures, papers, displays of almost everything imaginable pertaining to the history of the world's greatest city from pre-Revolutionary times right to the present. Many items from Civil War period—fire engines to uniforms worn by New York coppers in 1812—are exhibited and an afternoon or morning is well spent in the building.

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A SMALL sign on the main floor embellished with an old print of Tom Molineaux, not the first but the most noted of early American pugilists, informs one and all that the boxing exhibit called "Ring and Glove—A Survey of Boxing" can be seen on the third floor.

The display takes up a large room which is partitioned off into several sections, each one containing pictures, statuettes, old prints, etc., of much interest to sports followers. As always, the old photographs of one time ring heroes attract much attention. While their days of action are long since past, most of them remain familiar names to the public. These fighters live as legendary figures of the colorful past.

Old Tom Sharkey, a sturdy broth of a lad, full-rigged ship tattooed upon his brawny chest, defies the world with challenging stance! A heavy mustache adorns the lip of Bob Fitzsimmons in an early shot of this old time great.

Rare was the fighter of 50 years ago who failed to have himself recorded for posterity, resplendent in evening attire, and of all of these, none quite equalled James J. Corbett for the sartorial elegance of his full dress.

The late Benny Leonard in high "choker" collar of the pre-World War I days; George Dixon being instructed in the finer points of the art of self defense by a mustached, portly, old trainer in a black sweat suit; Joe Gans, Peter Jackson, Stanley Ketchel, Terry McGovern, Joe Walcott, John L. Sullivan, they're all there as the past lives again in faded photographs.

As one enters the room, a life-sized bronze statue of Joe Gans which for many years adorned the lobby of Madison Square Garden, welcoming the crowds to Garden shows, does the same for visitors to the City's exhibit. This is the work of Mahonri Young, noted sculptor of pugilists, whose bronze statuettes "On the Button," "Knockdown" and "Right to the Jaw" are among the standout contributions to the exhibit.

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ONE of America's most noted painters, the late Thomas Eakins (1844-1916), is represented with two large oils which alone make a visit to the display something to be remembered. These are "Between Rounds," a masterpiece portraying a second readying his charge for the next round painted in 1899 and "Salutat," a painting showing a victorious boxer acknowledging the plaudits of the crowd on his way from the ring, this was painted in 1898.

A huge head done in black granite, "Pugilist," by Ahron Ben Schumael, is a startlingly effective piece of work. Famed artist Robert Riggs, who has long favored boxing themes in his work, is of course represented by an oil showing Louis' knockout of Schmeling. This is called "Brown Bomber."

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THOSE who hold to the prevalent idea that old time pugs found their companions and social activities confined to the dregs of society, are in for something of a shock after reading and examining the prints numerously displayed detailing the doings of the fistic heroes of the 18th and early 19th centuries. Hobnobbing with crowned heads was nothing unusual for Daniel Mendoza, after 150 years still an honored name in pugilism, and his foremost rival, Richard Humphreys. Many a dowager of today would give a whole lot to have the social connections this pair contrived. Humphreys was a crony of both the Duke of York and the Prince of Wales—fancy that—and Mendoza, we learn, was a favorite of nobody else but the king himself, George III.

This pair—Mendoza and Humphreys—met four times in the latter years of the eighteenth century, each winning twice. Humphreys was a sort of Gene Tunney of the time. He retired, parlayed his ring earnings into a flourishing coal business and became a wealthy man.

Of Mendoza, "Bell's Life in London" (1855), commented thus, ". . . few pugilists can boast of such feats . . . as this celebrated Hebrew champion. . . ."

Not only was Mendoza the most scientific boxer of his day, he was surprisingly literate and a great favorite in Ireland of all places, where he toured and lectured extensively. He did much to make boxing popular in the Emerald Isle by teaching the latest in clever tactics which he had developed. His book on boxing published in 1789 was the first ever turned out by a pugilist. All in all, Mendoza seems to have been quite a guy.

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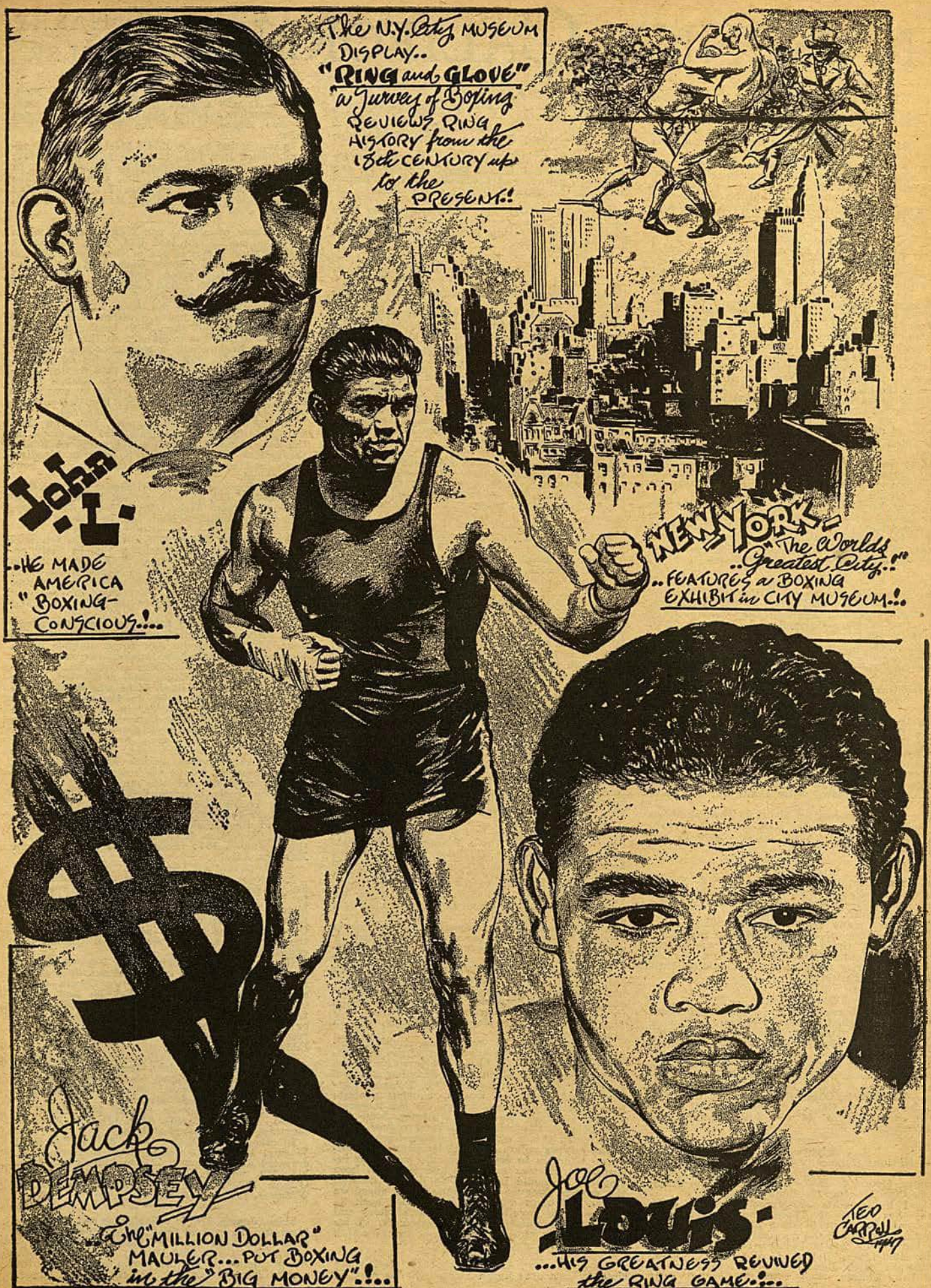
ACCORDING to the old prints, early champs frequently did all right for themselves in other fields. John Gully, who became British Champion in 1807 and lived to the ripe old age of 80, was most unique in this respect. In his youth John set himself three goals in life, the first was to win the boxing championship, the second to win the Derby, the third to become a member of Parliament. A determined gent, Gully accomplished all three.

Gully's career found an unusual parallel in that of old John Morrissey, full-bearded early American ring king, who brawled his way from the bottom of the ladder to respectability and some political fame in the Halls of Congress.

Besides palling around with princes and potentates, honors of every description came the way of the early fistic heroes. James Figg, one of the most famous of them all, the first recognized boxing champion of England, is depicted in William Hogarth's "Rakes' Progress," along with the fencing and other instructors of the subject of the painting. When one realizes that Hogarth is considered by most critics the greatest of all English painters, it is difficult to imagine any modern boxing champion, even Louis or Dempsey, being so immortalized.

When Tom Cribb, Britain's mighty standard bearer against the invading American ex-slave, Molineaux, and others, departed this world in 1848, we are informed by the ancient prints that a sculptured lion served as a monument upon his resting place.

If Tex Rickard were alive today *(Continued on page 40)*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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

BEING a man who is afraid of a lot of things, I cannot account for my nerve in rating our California boxers each year. However, I felt sufficiently competent to do the job asked by the boss, because I follow and know the boys in this sector.

The manager of every palooka who once won over a good boxer—even though it might have been when they were small boys——pretends to believe that his charge should be rated over the good boxer of today, regardless, and that's where we who rate the boys come in for "knocking."

Every handler of a fighter who has scored a "lucky punch" or won by some fluke over a rated boxer, thinks his fighter should be placed above the rated one, even though his "meal ticket" may have been defeated by ten victims of the boxer who is highly rated. And regardless of how atrocious a decision might have been, the manager of the boxer who received the "gift" verdict wishes his fighter to be rated as the better man.

Also, there are instances where a fighter is thoroughly outclassed and receiving a severe beating, only to be declared the winner on account of the bout having to be halted because of an injury to his opponent. And even in such cases, most of the handlers will cry to the high heavens if their lucky fighter is not rated according to the recorded outcome of such contest. And going strictly on the records—rather than on the merits of the results—well-meaning sport scribes will often take up the wail of these noisy managers.

It is fine weather for a hunting trip and I would much rather go hunting than be hunted, but the chief says "Rate the California boxers in this month's report," so here it is.

Kindly keep in mind that only those boxers who have resided in the state for at least six months (those eligible to compete for state title) are listed in this rating. Also, former resident boxers who have not fought in California at any time during the year are also omitted.

Heavyweights

1—Turkey Thompson, 2—Hilton (Fitzie) Fitzpatrick, 3—Jerry McSwain, 4—Pat Valentino, 5—Johnny Haynes, 6—Tony Bosnich, 7—Rusty Payne, 8—Tommy Garland, 9—Freddy Beshore, 10—Jesse Hall.

Ten others who were considered for the above rating were:—Dutch Culbertson, Ray Stevens, Francisco De La Cruz, Billy McClure, Ernie Rios, John Donnelly, Al Spaulding, Gene Felton, Martin Goldberg, K.O. Hooker.

Light-Heavies

1—Archie Moore, 2—Billy Smith, 3—Lloyd Marshall, 4—Bobby Zander, 5—Watson Jones, 6—Jack Chase, 7—Costello Cruz, 8—John Hannon Porter, 9—Frisco James, 10—Leonard Morrow.

Although Archie Moore does most of his fighting elsewhere, he has been a resident of California for more than six of the past ten years and recently defeated Billy Smith for the state title.

Six other light-heavies about as good as a few of the above are:—Henry Rich, Jimmy Coleman, Gil Mojica, Jimmy Martin, Tiger Sheppard and John Harding.

Middleweights

1—Fred Apostoli, 2—Allen Faulkner, 3—Kenny Watkins, 4—Paul Lewis, 5—Georgie Duke, 6—Paul Blanks, 7—Emory Jackson, 8—Bobby Volk, 9—George Smith, 10—Bob Murphy.

There are many 160-pounders of about equal ability. Any one of eight others who might defeat some of those listed above are:—George Evans, Frank Angustain, Bobby Castro, Garfield Coleman, Charley Catos, Art Lind, Johnny Meyers and Max Hutchins.

Welterweights

1—George (Sugar) Costner, 2—Bernard Docusen, 3—Earl Turner, 4—Jackie Wilson, 5—Tommy Egan, 6—John Thomas, 7—Joey Barnum, 8—Bobby Yaeger, 9—Chester Slider, 10—Sheik Rangel.

Here again it was tough to list "the ten," so, I add ten more, some of whom might be capable of beating a few of the "first choices." They are:—Bob Farris, Charley Daniels, Erskine Howell, Irvin Steen, Gene Ronstadt, Charles Salas, Louis Bell, Arturo Barron, Billy Tierney and Sal Perea.

Lightweights

1—Enrique Bolanos, 2—Jesse Flores, 3—Larry Cisneros, 4—Rudy Cruz, 5—Buddy Garcia, 6—Frankie Moore, 7—Eddie Prince, 8—Mario Trigo, 9—Paulino Montes, 10—Benny Calla.

Good lightweights are something that California has plenty of. Those who might well be the local champions in some other parts of the country, yet, lacked the necessary ability to make the top ten of this state, were:—Eddie Hudson, Tony Rodriguez, Bolton Ford, Dario Barron, Buddy Jacklich, Johnny Miller, Tote Martinez and Tony Chavez.

Featherweights

1—Carlos Chavez, 2—Jose (Baby) Gonzales, 3—Bobby Jackson, 4—Jackie McCoy, 5—Bud Christman, 6—Nick Diaz, 7—Aurel Toma, 8—Charley Johnson, 9—Lauro Salas, 10—Pee Wee Swingler.

Harold Dade also rates with any 126-pounder in the state, but is not listed here as he can make 118 pounds and I consider him the logical contender for Manuel Ortiz's world title.

A few others who rate consideration for their performances are:—Star Murillo, Mike Bernal, Bayani Garcia, Jackie Romero, Ernie Lauteria and Paul Guerrero.

Bantamweights

1—Manuel Ortiz, 2—Harold Dade, 3—Luis Castillo, 4—Tony Olivera, 5—Jorge Sanchez, 6—Little Giant.

To list ten 118-pounders would be going from the sublime to the ridiculous, as such list would include a world champion and mediocre preliminary boxers, so, I am rating only six.

Flyweights

California has no 112-pounders worthy of rating. Some of the world's greatest flyweights have been developed in California in other years, but that was before a California law forbade boys under 18 years of age to box, even as amateurs. Youths over 18 years old seldom come in such small packages.

There are so many good 130-pounders in this state that I must rate them. Many of these boys are worthy opponents of our best lightweights and it is only the weight handicap that keeps most of them from being rated with the heavier boxers.

Junior-Lightweights

1—Maxie Docusen, 2—Alfredo Escobar, 3—Fabela Chavez, 4—Chuey Figueroa, 5—Simon Vegara, 6—Billy Gibson, 7—Ralph Lara, 8—Richie Mendoza, 9—Sammy Anders, 10—Dave Hernandez.

The Wizards of Odds who made Enrique Bolanos a 5-to-1 choice over Julio Jiminez, must have developed stomach ulcers before the scrap was over. The bout, staged at the Los Angeles Olympic, was won by Bolanos by a wide margin, but not until after Enrique had shared a blood bath with his iron-jawed countryman and been a contestant in one of the most thrilling fights of the year.

The fighters came out as though instructed to score an early knockout. (Could be, since Bolanos was developed by Jimmy Fitten, now handling Jiminez.) For four rounds, Jiminez gave as good as he received and both were repeatedly rocked to their heels, with Bolanos cut above the right eye. Julio slowed down in the 5th and Bolanos moved out in front, winning the next three heats. Jiminez suffered a gashed optic in the 5th and was bleeding from both eyes when he opened a cut over Bolanos' left eye in the 8th. The bout was halted for a minute in this round.

They fought with a vengeance when the bout was resumed. Bolanos laid it on Jiminez in the 9th, dropping Julio for a 9-count and buckling his knees a number of times. Jiminez roared back to cop the 10th by shaking up the state champion with some hefty hooks and inflicting a third cut on his foe. At the final bell the gladiators looked as though they had been diving for apples in a bucket of blood. Bolanos weighed 134, Jiminez 136.

In the semi, Roland Spencer, 189, Phoenix (Ariz.), Indian, proved too rough and rugged for Tommy Jessen, 191, copping the six-round decision.

In other bouts: Ray Thomas, 148, rocked Baby Sal, 142, to sleep in the first round; Clyde Coyhis, 148, made Ray Louis say "uncle" in the second heat; Ernie Lauteria, 124, beat Ossie Biggie in a four; Billy Louderman, 148, won by TKO (cut eye route) over Johnny Reynolds, 147, in round two.

A controversial, as well as an exciting incident took place in the 8th round of the Bolanos-Jiminez setto. Referee Benny Whitman halted the bout to have Dr. Lloyd Mace examine Bolanos' eye cuts. While awaiting the Doc, Bolanos' handlers worked on the wound, causing protests from Jiminez's corner, which, at the moment, seemed justified. However, Whitman later explained that the injury had been caused by a butt, which puts a different light on the affair.

The referee points out that by permitting Bolanos' handlers to doctor the cut, he did no injustice to Jiminez and that had the bout been stopped, he would have had to declare Bolanos the winner, because of Enrique being ahead on points. Whitman explained he realized such an ending would have been very unsatisfactory and that he was considering the customers, in his action. It now appears that Benny wasn't acting so unwisely after all.

Pedro Ramirez, 129, Mexico City, eked out a close decision over Ralph Lara, 130, Los Angeles Mexican, in a 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. It was a hard fought go all the way, with Ramirez's better boxing getting the votes of two judges. Referee Joe Stone tabbed it a draw.

In supporting bouts: Eddie Marotta, 126, Cleveland, bested Ray Mila, 125, in a four-round semi; Jerry Brown, 170, nodded Billy Pappas, 171, in a four; Lawrence Brown, 145, decisioned Babe Huerta, 143; Shorty Morgan, 171, KO'ed Ray Pullman, 170, in the third; Ramon Alva, 131, defeated Jose Luis, 132.

A fighter of ability can look as good, when he cares, as he can look bad, when he doesn't care. Watson Jones is one of those kind. On the night he opposed George Kochan at the Hollywood Stadium, Watson cared. He disposed of Kochan in the 5th round and looked good doing it. It was a punching affair for four rounds with Jones having slightly the better of it.

Watson dealt out heavy punishment in the 2nd and 3rd heats, but the Akron battler had a bit the best of the hot exchanges in the 4th. Jones staggered Kochan with a wicked hook to the jaw early in the 5th and followed up his advantage, first buckling Kochan's knees, then finally dropping the Ohioan for a 9-count. George arose glassy-eyed and limp, to be nailed by two more damaging blows before Referee Reg Gilmore intervened. Jones weighed 171, Kochan 180.

In the semi: Dave Hernandez, 132, San Bernardino, stopped Roscoe Scally, 133, Pasadena, in the 5th round. Hernandez had punished Scally throughout and the Negro boxer was bleeding badly and staggering when the one-sided bout was halted.

Other results: Sidney Hitchens, 127, TKO'ed Phil Loma, 127, in three; Nick Smith, 131, decisioned Ramon Alva, 130, in four; Al Guidry, 128, nodded Benny O'Neil, 132, in a four.

Art (Swede) Lind, 155, Minneapolis, repeated his win over Chick Musgrove, 158, in their return clash at the San Diego Coliseum, and this time did it without having to resort to his usual unethical tactics. Musgrove rushed in, flailing away with both hands, but instead of roughing it with Chick, as he did in their first go, Lind remained the boxer.

The Swede stepped inside most of Musgrove's wild swings and piled up his points with left jabs. Lind spilled the San Diego slugger for a 2-count in the 5th. The decision was unanimous.

In remaining bouts: Spencer Coleman, Los Angeles Negro, KO'ed Mike Rubi of Mexico, in the third round of the semi. Rubi was floored once in the second and twice in the third. Connie Smith iced Flash Gordon in two; Lawrence Brown decisioned Billy Calamia in four; Eddie Buchanan chilled Junior Rinks in the fourth.

Former state welterweight champion, Jackie Wilson, 152, stopped Jimmy Brooks, 153, also of Los Angeles, in the 6th round of a scheduled 10-rounder at the Wilmington Bowl.

In the semi: Frankie Leiberman, 135, Long Beach, TKO'ed Lem Thomas, 135, in the third.

In four four-rounders: Billy Louderman, 148, defeated Ray Louis, 145; Archie Cooper, 123, nodded Ray Mila, 124; Jose Luis, 130, whipped Curtis James, 134; Ossie Biggie, 124, beat Len Marquez, 121.

Followers of boxing turn thumbs down on a fighter who quits, but there wasn't a spectator in the Los Angeles Olympic who would have blamed Eddie Hudson for "retiring" even in the first few minutes of his disastrous go with Buddy Garcia. Hudson received a brutal beating from the opening gong until the distasteful scene was ended in the 7th round.

Garcia decked Hudson for a 9-count in the opening heat and had him dazed and limp at the bell. It was the only knockdown Garcia scored over the Negro gamester, but he had Eddie groggy and rubber-legged in every round of the fray. Just as Hudson seemed about to go down or out, the bell would come to—no, not to his rescue, for, that timely gong only prolonged Eddie's misery.

Hudson asked no quarter, gave ground only when pounded for a loss, fought back as best he could and was still on his feet when Referee Mushy Callahan decided too much is enough. Garcia weighed 135, Hudson 133.

In the semi: Roscoe Scally, 134, Pasadena Negro, won over Ramon Alva, 131, San Antonio Mexican, in a six-round slugfest.

In other bouts: Willie Bean, 207, KO'ed Fred Wermy, 192, in the third; Ernie Lauteria, 123, defeated Archie Cooper, 121, in four; Clyde Coyhis, 149, nodded Richard Lopez, 145; Benny O'Neil, 132, added another defeat to Martin O'Malley, 135, in a four.

Frisco James, 178, is tall, slender and the boxer type, but he proved that he also packs heavy artillery for big game by bagging Tiger Sheppard, 179, in the first heat at the Ocean Park Arena. James caught the Texan coming in with a solid right to the jaw that stunned the Tiger.

Frisco parked two more hard rights on his defenseless foe and Referee Reg Gilmore halted it. As the ref raised James' glove, Sheppard dropped to the canvas.

Other results: Ramon Alva, 130, defeated Sid Hitchens, 127, in a four-round semi; Jerry Brown, 170, stopped Al Hernandez, 171, in the second; Hank Okura, 127, decisioned Ossie Biggie, 124, in four; Jose Luis, 130, fought a four-round draw with Roosevelt Bonner, 127; Curtis James, 132, nodded the oft-beaten Martin O'Malley, 134.

The baby-faced Mexican, Fabela Chavez, still has his large following. Although he had been pounded into a humiliating defeat in his last start, had not fought in five months and was meeting a mediocre opponent—a capacity crowd turned out to see him oppose Lou Bernal at the Hollywood Stadium. The youngster was a bit rusty and slow to get going, but the cut eye bugaboo helped make his task easier.

Bernal jabbed out an edge in the opening round. They boxed on even terms in the second. Chavez copped the third with blows to the body. Fabela opened up in the fourth, staggering Lou with a left hook and later buckled his knees with a sharp right to the jaw. During this roughing-up Bernal received an eye cut that caused Referee Charley Randolph to halt the bout and award Fabela a TKO victory. Chavez weighed 131, Bernal 133.

In the semi: Bob Farris, 154, proved much too good for Mike Angustain, 153, stopping him in the third heat after administering a severe beating.

In remaining prelims: Freddy Herman, 136, won by TKO over Lou Fillipo, 136, in round one; Clyde Coyhis, 148, stopped Billy Louderman, 147, in the second; Willie Bean, 210, decisioned Hardy Williams, 208, in four; Billy King, 159, nodded Bobby Holder, 156, in the opener.

The busy left hand of Irvin Steen, 140, San Diego, overcame the potent right paw of Connie Smith, 141, Los Angeles, in a 10-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. Smith had Steen hurt in the third, but was shaded in most of the early rounds and therefore, was a few points behind at the finish, even though Connie shook Steen up with numerous rights in the 9th and 10th rounds.

In supporting bouts: Bert Mendoza, Los Angeles middleweight, defeated Jess Richards, (6); being short a bout, Tony Mesa, San Diego welterweight, fought twice, winning both, decisions over Lawrence Brown, (4), and Lee Walker, (4); Ray Sandoval, Los Angeles lightweight, KO'ed Kito Commarado, San Diego.

Promoter Al Dermer of Fresno added two rounds to the rematch between Sheik Rangel, 148, Fresno vet, and Sal Perea, 149, San Francisco, but this 12-rounder also ended in a dead heat. It wasn't the exciting affair of their previous go, partly because the fighters had been warned not to repeat their rough tactics. Boxing by the book seemed to cramp their styles. However, it was a lively setto and the draw was well received.

Other results: Mike Bernal, 122, San Francisco, really bested Clarence Marvin, 123, Auberry, in a six, but received only a draw for doing it; Abner Bedingfield, 150, Texas, and Roughhouse Oliver, 146, Oakland, fought a six-round draw; Billy Epps, 151, Klamath Falls, (Ore.), decisioned Willie Parker, 157, San Francisco, in a four; Don Cooper, 128, Stockton, KO'ed Gil Gonzales, 131, Fresno, in the fourth.

The organization of "Hold That Tiger" is getting quite a membership. Billy McClure, potent-punching heavyweight of Minneapolis, is the latest qualifier to tame Tiger Sheppard, El Paso mauler. McClure disposed of the Texas Tiger in round one at the Wilmington Bowl. It was the second time within ten days that Sheppard was iced in one heat.

In other bouts: Willie Bean, 206, decisioned Roland Spencer, 189, (6); Billy Pappas, 171, KO'ed Raymond Starr, 178, (3); Fred Wermy, 187, stopped Henry Lowe, 183, (1); Dale Hall, 189, nodded Hardy Williams, 208, (4); Ira Hughes, 180, beat Bob Scott, 195, (4).

Cool, methodical Rudy Cruz, had too much class for Buddy Holderfield in a 10-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium, and waltzed off with a one-sided win. For three rounds the aggressive Arkansan made it interesting for both Cruz and the customers, but when the poker-faced Mexican became hep to Buddy's brief repertoire—a left hook to the body and an overhand right to the head—it ceased to be a contest.

When jabbing Holderfield's nose became so monotonous that many of the customers started for home, Cruz crossed an occasional right to the jaw, a couple of which buckled Buddy's knees. The Arkansas battler tried all the way, but he is slow of foot and wild in his delivery, so, could not tag his elusive foe and the bout developed into a ho-hum affair. Holderfield was not credited with a single round. Each weighed 140.

In the semi: Richard Jones, 147, hard punching Negro, stopped Bob O'Fallon, 147, in the 5th round. The game Irishman was still on his feet when the bout was halted, but he had taken a bad beating.

In the four-rounders: Willie Jenkins, 152, decisioned Nap Howard, 163; Rocky Haro, 125, whipped Len Marquez, 128; Lawrence Brown, 147, and Billy Louderman, 147, drew; Ray Sandoval, 134, outpointed Jose Luis, 132.

The prestige of San Diego (pugilistically, that is) was upheld by Bob Murphy, 160, when he pounded out an impressive win over Art Lind, 157, Minneapolis, in a 10-round brawl at the San Diego Coliseum. Lind had twice beaten Chick Musgrove, a local favorite, and the Irish slugger was called on to even the score. (Murphy had not fought in months.)

It was the type of fight that Lind enjoys and the Irishman was willing. The Swede hit on the breaks, butted and punched after the bell, but he still took a licking. Lind's best weapon, a left jab, was ineffective against Murphy's southpaw stance. Bob spilled Lind for a 3-count in the 6th and had the Minnesotan staggering in the final frame.

In supporting bouts; Howard Jones was awarded the nod over Sid Hitchens in six; Billy Calamia chilled Junior Rinks in round one; Henry Huerta bested Lee Walker in four; Butch Maxwell stopped Kito Commarado in two.

Nine thousand fans had just squirmed into comfortable positions to enjoy thirty minutes of fast, hard fighting at the Los Angeles Olympic. The contest between Maxie Docusen of New Orleans, and Simon Vegara of Panama, would be that kind of fight. Yeah. But ten seconds later these thousands of fans were on their feet screaming, and one minute later they were on their way home.

Docusen started punching before the sound of the gong had died out. Within a few seconds Maxie dropped Vegara with a whistling left hook. Simon climbed up off the floor (too soon) before the timer could say "two" and the fiery Filipino was at him with both fists. Vegara was soon down again. Simon scrambled to his feet (again too quickly) almost immediately and the two gamecocks mixed it furiously.

The Panama puncher got in a couple of hard licks that shook Maxie up, but Docusen was dishing 'em out three to one and every blow carried authority. Vegara was dropped for the third time, where he sat in a stupor while being counted out, just 59 seconds after the opening gong. Each weighed 131.

In the semi: Garfield Coleman, 160, won by TKO over Ray Dioses, 160, in the fourth round, when the latter sustained an eye cut.

In the prelims: Nap Howard, 158, decisioned Billy King, 156, in four; Al Guidry, 138, stopped Guy Darling, 141, in the fourth; Spencer Coleman, 155, nodded Bert Mendoza, 160, in a four; Clyde Coyhis, 147, beat Ray Louis, 147.

Simon Vegara has returned home with a heavy heart. Too bad the Pride of Panama did not make this trip immediately after his victory over Harold Dade. Boy, would Vegara have received a welcome! Also, a money shot with some outstanding featherweight, for, the Panama champion was regarded as a great fighter in his country.

But to return home after just having been twice knocked out in the very first round—well, the public is fickle and it would not be surprising to hear that only members of his family (along with his manager) turned out to greet the youngster.

This, gentlemen, is the fight game!

The final round decided the argument between Tote Martinez, 136, Stockton, and Tony Chavez, 138, San Jose, in a clash at Fresno. The two Mexican crowd-pleasers staged one of the best scraps seen in the Raisin City this year. The hard-hitting Martinez had piled up a substantial lead in the first half of the go, which the busy Chavez wiped out in the late rounds.

Realizing that the fight was to be decided in the final heat, they fought furiously all during the 10th, with Martinez eking out an edge that got him the nod, although a draw would not have been amiss.

Other results: Aaron Joshua, 126, KO'ed Joe Padron, 124, (2); Mike Bernal, 124, defeated Clarence Marvin, 125, (4); Willie Parker, 164, and Frankie Rao, 163, fought to a draw, (4); Gil Gonzales, 129, disposed of Tom Moore, 127, (2).

Ernie Rios, 188, punched out a unanimous decision over Sonny Andrews, 180, in a lively 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. There were no knockdowns, but Rios staggered the favored Andrews in both the first and ninth rounds.

In other bouts: Nick Smith, 131, decisioned Perk Glenn, 131, in four; Rocky Haro, 127, defeated Jose Luis, 130, in a four; Ed Buchanan, 139, TKO'ed Richard Lopez, 142, in the second; Ossie Biggie, 125, nodded Ray Mila, 127; Henry Lowe, 182, iced Raymond Starr, 180, in two.

Ernie Rios' win over Sonny Andrews was chronicled as an upset and caused considerable surprise among the gymnasium habitues. I wonder why? Andrews is a dandy prospect and has lots of ability—for a beginner, but, some folks are underestimating the value of experience. How can a youth (especially a heavyweight) recently out of the amateur ranks, with only four professional fights under his belt, be expected to defeat one of Ernie Rios' experience? True, Rios is no first-rater, but neither is he all "washed-up" or an old man.

I recall that Joe Louis was sensational as an amateur and was a national champion at the time he turned pro. Yet, his fourth professional contest (after winning three by knockouts) was his first six-rounder, and Jack Kranz was not as good a boxer as Ernie Rios.

The switch-hitting Mexican from Monterey, Mario Trigo, had too much on the ball for Eddie Hudson, San Francisco Negro, in a 10-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. For five rounds it was quite one-sided, Hudson being baffled by the tricky Trigo's change of stance and tactics. Eddie was repeatedly beaten to the punch and spilled for a couple of no-counts in the second and third stanzas.

Hudson fared better in late rounds by leading with rights when Mario boxed southpaw. He shook Trigo up with hard rights in the 6th and 7th heats and had the Mexican in retreat in the 9th. But those were the only three rounds credited to the Negro clouter and the decision to Mario was unanimous. Trigo weighed 132, Hudson 133.

In the semi: Billy Tierney, 145, Cleveland, won handily over Jimmy Shans, 143, Oxnard (Calif.) Negro. The clever Irishman jabbed and hooked Shans at will, to cop five of the six rounds.

In the prelims: Ramon Alva, 131, and Butch Maxwell, 134, battled to a draw in four; Perk Glenn, 135, cooled consistent Martin O'Malley, 134, in two; Johnny Reynolds, 145, and Richard Lopez, 144, ended in a technical draw; Rocky Haro, 127, stopped Ossie Biggie, 124, in the fourth.

For four rounds clever Ruben Rivers, 131, Mexicali, made Sammy Anders, 132, Texas Negro, look quite amateurish, in their 10-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. But the plodding Negro youth found a landing place for a few of his block-busters in the 5th heat and the one-man boxing lesson turned into a nip-and-tuck slugfest. Anders copped four of the last six rounds and a draw would not have been an injustice to the Mexican, but Rivers was voted the decision.

Other results: Al Morey, San Diego, punched out a close win over Jess Richards, Los Angeles, in the six-round semi; Lucky Richardson, San Diego, and Lee Walker, Los Angeles, drew in four; Eddie Buchanan, Los Angeles, KO'ed Ramon Castro, San Diego, in the second; Jose Iglesias, Maxico, disposed of Joe Tambe, Buffalo, in three.

In one of the dullest bouts seen in Fresno in many months, Al Medrano, 137, Los Angeles, decisioned Frankie Conti, 138, Haverhill, Mass., in ten. Conti, publicized as one of New England's best, showed little to recommend him, but Medrano must have believed in Conti's "advance notices," for, the clever Mexican boxer was as cautious as though opposing Joe Louis. In short, there was a lot of posing, but little real fighting.

In other bouts: Luther McClain, 207, Fresno, iced Hank Thurman, 186, Modesto, (2); Clarence Marvin, 125, Auberry, KO'ed Don Cooper, 128, Stockton, (5); Alex Aranda, 126, Bakersfield, decisioned Tom Moore, 128, Madera, (4).

The card was short of fighters, the arena short of customers, the smallest crowd of the year.

Unattached boxers contemplating a trip to California, or managers of boxers desiring representation on the Coast, can receive all desired information by writing Harry E. Winkler, 1231 N. June St., Hollywood 38, Calif.

YOUNG ERNE

A LIVELY ambition would have shoved Young Erne of Philadelphia into the lightweight throne. However, he was satisfied to be known as the champion of six-round battlers, and rarely appeared in the ring outside his home city. Erne was unusually clever and shifty, and was the superior of any lightweight champ since Leonard.

CHARLIE WHITE

OF the modern lightweights, Charlie White of Chicago was of championship material. He was a hard puncher. However, the craftiness of Freddie Welsh prevented White from becoming champion. This, coupled with a tendency toward a fadeout by White in the closing stages of the bout, destroyed White's chances of beating the canny champ. White later almost divided Benny Leonard and the title. He had Leonard on the verge of a kayo, and then fell by the wayside in the ninth.

Lytell Tops

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pion's fast jabs and hooks with indifference and wrestling him around in a fashion that left that scientific master out of breath and completely exhausted.

Corbett afterwards stated that he held Sharkey cheaply, thinking he was only a strong young fellow, whom he could easily outpoint. Corbett also excused his poor showing on the grounds that he accepted the engagement on short notice and hadn't trained for it.

But this all happened in 1896, when Choynski was still an important factor in the heavyweight situation, and a fighter who could put Joe down for the full count was certainly too formidable a foeman to take chances with. Remembering how he had to extend himself to the limit to beat this same Choynski, one wonders how Corbett ever came to underestimate Sharkey's slugging abilities!

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SHARKEY won on a foul from Bob Fitzsimmons in eight rounds at San Francisco in the following December. This fight had a peculiar ending, Sharkey going down for the count, after receiving a severe body punch. Referee Wyatt Earp thereupon declared that the sailor had been struck below the belt and awarded him the decision. The consensus of opinion was that Fitzsimmons had been robbed of a clean-cut victory, through the machinations of the San Francisco gamblers who had fixed matters with the referee.

However that may have been, Tom Sharkey was now right up among the leaders of his class and his services were much in demand. He dropped a twenty round decision to Jim Jeffries by a narrow margin in 1898, but sustained no other reverses. A knockout of Gus Ruhlin in one round and a nine round victory over Jim Corbett, followed by a ten round kayo of Kid McCoy, made him the outstanding challenger for the then heavyweight champion, Jeffries, and they met at Coney Island on November 3, 1899.

That battle, one of the most fiercely waged in ring history, lasted twenty-five rounds, and Referee George Siler declared Jeffries the winner. The decision was assailed as unfair by Sharkey's supporters. Undeniably the ex-sailor put up a splendid fight, battling with bulldog gameness, and Jeff, with all his big advantages in weight, height and reach, was put to a crucial test by the smaller man.

Yet the verdict was a just one. Sharkey was badly mauled. He suffered a broken rib, and had to lay up for repairs, whereas Jeffries, although bearing plentiful marks of his energetic opponent's punching prowess, finished in much the better shape of the two, and was around town the next day apparently in no way distressed by the physical results of the intensely gruelling mill he had been through.

The fight took something out of Sharkey's vitality that he never quite regained. He fought on for several years after that and won some good battles but in 1900 he lost to Ruhlin in fifteen rounds, and Fitzsimmons obtained sweet revenge by kayoing him in two rounds at Coney Island. Ruhlin again defeated Tom at London, England, in 1902, stopping him in eleven rounds. His last ring battle was with Jack Munroe, at Philadelphia, on February 27, 1904, a six round, no decision affair.

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PEACE reigned on land and in the Seven Seas when the Navy started shaping John Coccoskey, later to be known to the biffing trade as Jack Sharkey, into the mould of a fist-swatter. He started boxing in the bouts arranged between rival scrappers of the fleet and not because he cared particularly about so doing. But he was a fine physical specimen and his mates persuaded him to don the gloves, as he looked the part of an athlete and it turned out that he had a natural gift for sparring.

He was ever a keen business man, and it didn't take him long to conclude that he might as well make money out of his fistic talent. His professional ring debut took place in 1924 with a kayo victory in two rounds over Dan Lucas. He won several fights that year, beating Floyd Johnson and Al Roberts among others, but losing to Jim Maloney and taking a nine round knockout at the hands of Romero Rojas.

His 1925 record included seven victories and three defeats, the year following he had a clean slate, winning eight times and beating the "Black Menace" Harry Wills, whose attempts to get a match with Jack Dempsey for the world's heavyweight title had figured prominently in the sport news. Sharkey proved that Wills was overrated as a fighter, but until then there were many fans who thought the big Negro boxer really had an edge on Dempsey, and that the latter preferred easier game. But Dempsey never feared any man.

The Manassa Mauler chafed under the implication that he was dodging the Negro star. But Jack Kearns, his manager, and Tex Rickard were averse to such a match. Rickard preferred to play safe with his greatest drawing card. There was, of course, what seemed to be a possible chance that Wills might defeat Dempsey and Tex wasn't having any of that risk. Painful memories of his promotion of the Johnson-Jeffries contest and the troubles which followed in its wake sat hard on Rickard. The showman vowed he would never be responsible for a second edition of the Reno affair and kept his word.

So when Jack Sharkey rubbed Wills out of the picture as a championship contender, Rickard was duly grateful to the ex-gob. So, presumably, was Dempsey, although the Manassa Mauler would sooner have done the job himself. The Wills victory boosted Sharkey's fighting stock immensely and Rickard matched Jack with Dempsey, who won with a seven-round knockout. This was in 1927, and gave the ex-champion a second trial against Tunney, who had deprived him of his title the preceding year.

Dempsey again lost to Tunney on September 22, 1927, in the memorable "battle of the long count." Tunney retired, after whipping Tom Heeney, and in a bout arranged for the occupancy of the vacant heavyweight throne, Sharkey lost to the German, Max Schmeling in four rounds in 1930. But on June 21, 1931, Sharkey whipped Schmeling on points in fifteen rounds and the Navy rejoiced for the former hardy tar was thereby crowned heavyweight champion of the world!

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and were to drop in on the exhibit, he'd learn to his amazement no doubt he was just about a hundred years behind the times with the idea of "millionaire" patronage he came up with when he took over the New Garden back in 1925. The old promoter would have gotten an eyeful of counts, dukes, princes, nobility in every league, huddled around the ringside in all the time worn lithographs. And unlike Tex's customers, many of whom were free loaders, there to add a touch of class to the proceedings, the 18th century "fancy" not only paid plenty for seats, but always had substantial bets riding on the results.

The famed American artist George Bellows, whose "Stag at Sharkey's" and "Dempsey-Firpo Fight" are possibly the best known examples of fine art dealing with pugilism, has on display his lesser known "White Hope," done in 1910 and showing Johnson defeating Jeffries.

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ODDLY enough, early posters and placards heralding pugilistic happenings are entirely lacking in any mention of knockouts or real violence. Whereas, the promise of a kayo is the greatest lure a promoter can hope for with present day fight fans, this doesn't seem to have been the case in those days. Much was made of the scientific aspect of the art of self-defense.

An 1842 handbill ballyhooing the appearances of Britisher Ben Caunt and the American giant, Charles Freeman, enticed the customers with lines like this, ". . . The evening's amusement will conclude with a grand display of science between Ben Caunt and Charles Freeman . . ."

The man who altered the entire course of the development of boxing was John L. Sullivan who appears with frequency in photographed postures of the 19th century. Judging from the revelations obtained from the Museum, the Boston Strong Boy was the first to move boxing from behind the "Maginot Line" of defensive protection into the all-out offensive blitz style so popular today.

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THERE are interesting pictures of the Dempsey-Carpentier fight, the first "Million Dollar Gate," an event that brought the ring game into the realm of big business

The entire layout brings home the undisputed point that three men dominate the history of boxing since its shift of power from England to the United States beginning with John L. Sullivan. Louis of course completes the trio of John L. and the Manassa Mauler.

Much of the material shown in the Museum has been supplied by Mr. Paul Magriel, a man who, although without a boxing background, has done a remarkable job of amassing every manner of relic pertaining to pugilism. THE RING Magazine of course is well represented by battle-stained gloves worn by many of the greatest boxers and by rare old boxing prints supplied by Nat Fleischer, world's foremost collector of fistiana.

The exhibit will last until next April and is open free to all, daily.

NEW FACES

By HARVEY BRIGHT

CALVIN SMITH

FIGHTERS have been managed by men in all professions and in all planes of life but a new one has cropped up in the managerial firm of Frank Forgione and Frank Powers. Forgione is no newcomer to the fistic scene but Powers has just given up an operatic career to sing the praises of his Negro slugger, the nineteen year old Calvin Smith.

Smith is a featherweight who threatens to blossom into a full-fledged lightweight in the near future. Only a year ago the Philadelphia ringman was punching it out in the amateur ranks. He won eleven straight and made his presence in eastern rings felt by copping two championships: the Golden Gloves and Diamond Belt.

Ripe for professional competition Calvin entered the pay ranks early in 1947 and has lost but one bout to date, that to Mario Centi.

In his most recent fights he has kayoed Billy Liggett in three and put the quietus on Johnny Land in five.

His confidence is unsurpassed and a bit premature in that Smith desires to meet Eddie Giosa, Jimmy Collins, Johnny Bratton, Enrique Bolanos or any other mittmen who will cross gloves with him.

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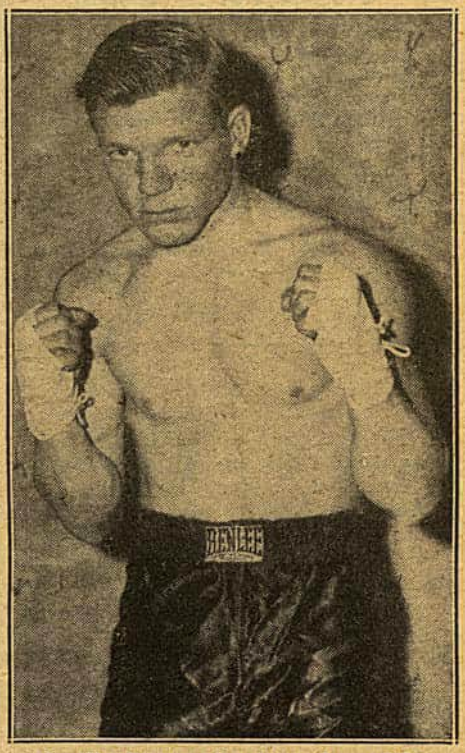
JIMMY DINARDO

BERLIN, New Hampshire, welterweight Jim Dinardo started his boxing career in 1946 and since then has lost but one bout, that to Gil Gilson. His record shows that he starched six of his opponents and took decisions from four others.

The New England lad matriculated from high school to the fistic wars and at the age of eighteen was well started on his chosen career.

This year the New England hopeful has iced Harry Wong in three, finished off Al Gagnon in one, won decisions from Norman Bennett in eight, Eddie Gallant in six and recorded his first loss, mentioned above.



Orville Bitney, Omaha welterweight.

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JOE BREWER

PHILADELPHIA, in the sport limelight this year as a result of its football teams, is pushing to the fore with boxing talent. The cradle of athletes who go in for the rough and tough sports, the birthplace of "The Declaration of Independence," is continually producing new talent for the sport world.

This year it has come up with several young aspirants in the fistic field. One of these lads is an eighteen year old Negro high school student, Joe Brewer, who as a simon pure won top honors in the Silver and Golden Gloves Tournament in 1945 and 1946. While slinging leather for "fun" Brewer compiled 28 wins out of 30 bouts.

As a professional, his campaign in the welterweight ranks has been highly successful with a record of nine straight wins. His most recent win was over George Bynard.

He is managed by Max Stanford.

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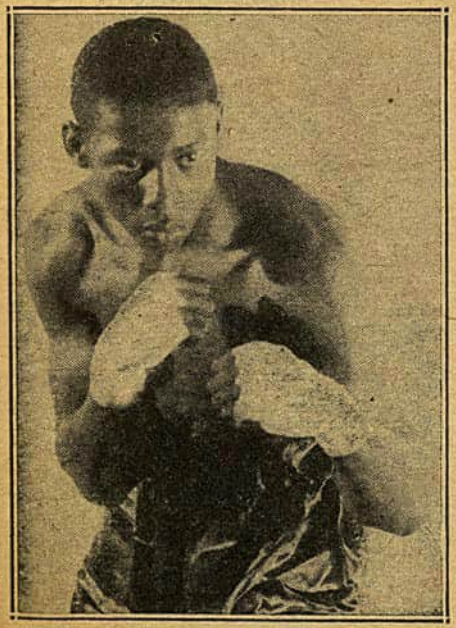
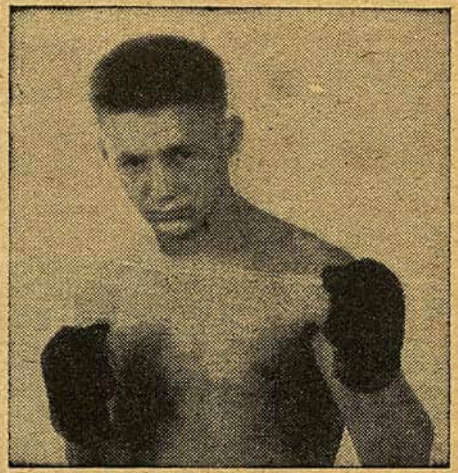
ORVILLE BITNEY

THE fight game in Omaha, Nebraska, is on the upgrade and one of the former Golden Glovers who has brought a splash of color into the warfare of padded mittens in that city is Orville Bitney, 19 year old Irishman, campaigning in the welterweight division under the able tutoring of "Tuck" Shadden, former boxer. At the bell he comes from his corner like a broncho out of a rodeo chute, always the aggressor throughout his bouts. He hits hard with either duke and can take it as well as dish it out.

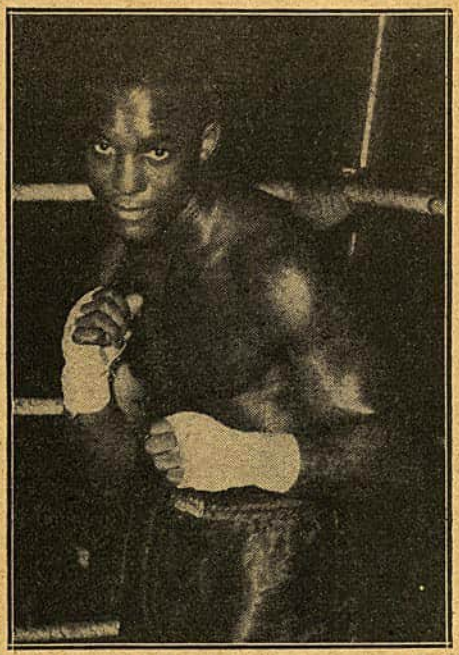
After seven professional ring appearances Bitney bid the preliminary ranks adieu and moved up to wage ring warfare in the six rounders. At this writing he is unbeaten. He made his professional debut with a 38 second knockout of Jimmy Griffin, kayoed Art Arbuckle in 3; knocked out Jim Chaney in 2 heats; won a four round nod over James Watson; kayoed Johnny Newbauer in 4; decisioned Jimmy Sheets in 4; knocked out Eugene Brown in 4 rounds; then boxed to a 6 round draw with Nick Basil and then kayoed Julio Tristan in 2 heats.



Philadelphia has a prospect in Joe Brewer, welterweight.



From the Granite State comes Jimmy Dinardo, the welterweight buster of beaks.



Calvin Smith, featherweight from Philadelphia who is a popular performer.

Walcott Is Rated Fighter of Month

By THE RING EDITOR

SELECTING the current Fighter of the Month is a simple, practically automatic gesture.

Whether he was deserving of the decision or not, in what has become one of the most hotly-waged controversial issues in modern ring annals, Jersey Joe Walcott's surprising showing against Joe Louis in their battle for the world heavyweight championship was far and away the outstanding performance of the closing weeks of 1947.

Aside from the Louis-Walcott clash, there was no outstanding development on the fistic front during the month. Only one other world champion, welterweight Ray Robinson, saw action, but many of the ranking title contenders managed to keep going.

Robinson's outing was in a non-title affair with Billy Nixon.

Ezzard Charles, hard-hitting Cincinnatian, retained his prominent positions in both the heavyweight and light-heavyweight listings by his smashing knockout of dangerous Fitzie Fitzpatrick. Freddie Mills of England continued along the comeback trail by taking a decision from rugged Stephane Olek of France. The 42-year-old former heavyweight king, Max Schmeling, proved too ringwise for his German rival, Hans Joachim Dreagestein.

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VETERAN campaigners Nathan Mann and Arturo Godoy also were among the heavyweight winners of the month, Natie defeating Eldridge Eatman and the Chilean outscrambling Phil Muscato.

In the middleweight class, several of the headliners managed to keep fairly active during the month. The best performance was accounted for by Bert Lytell, who solidified his status as top contender for the title by whipping the formidable Major Jones.

Two of the year's better 160-pound youngsters came through with creditable accomplishments when Laverne Roach defeated Herbie Kronowitz, and Jackie Darthard outpunched Cecil Hudson.

Among the veterans, Fred Apostoli decisioned Georgie Abrams, Steve Belloise flattened Billy Arnold, and O'Neill Bell, after winning from Cecil Hudson, lost to Holman Williams. After sustaining an upset defeat at the hands of Vinnie Rossano, Pete Mead came back to knock out Joey DeJohn. Cowboy Ruben Shank reached the end of his fistic trail when he was knocked out and sent to the hospital by young Mel Brown, who, in his next start, was beaten by Jackie Burke.

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THE most important development in welterweight competition was reported on the international front. Robert Villemain of France, regarded as the best fighter of any weight in Europe, next to Marcel Cerdan, successfully retained his European 147-pound championship by knocking out the Italian challenger, Egisto Peyre. Villemain sports an impressive record of never having been defeated in four years of professional campaigning. Just prior to his victory over Peyre, he stepped out of his class to defeat one of France's leading middleweights, Laurent Dauthuille.

Another significant performance in the welterweight class was Frankie Fernandez's knockout of Joey Barnum. Fernandez, of Puerto Rican extraction, but now living in and fighting out of Honolulu, has been making rapid progress toward the top of the 147-pound heap. He is a terrific puncher.

In the lightweight division, two ranking title contenders, Enrique Bolanos and Rudy Cruz, added to their winning records, Bolanos whipping Julio Jiminez and Cruz defeating Buddy Holderfield. Maxie Docusen, outstanding "new face" in the 135-pound ratings, hung up two knockouts during the month, stopping Simon Vegara and Davey Hernandez.

In his American debut, Roberto Proietti, Italian holder of the European lightweight title, dropped a decision to Johnny Williams.

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THE featherweight topliners were busy during the month. Charley Riley repeated a previous victory over Jimmy McAllister, while Sandy Saddler knocked out Lino Garcia, Mannie Ortega decisioned Bobby Jackson, and Ronnie Clayton, the British and European champion, stopped Enzo Correggioli. Clayton's titular predecessor, Al Phillips, didn't fare so well in his debut as a lightweight, losing to the Belgian veteran, Josef Preys.

The better bantams had a fairly active spell, with David Kui Kong Young stopping Young Leyte, and Luis Castillo halting ringworm Aurel Toma. After kayoing Mario Rivero, Armando Puenti Pi was held to a draw by Battleship Martinez.

In the flyweight class, Emile Famechon, after winning on a disqualification in the first match, was defeated by Dickie O'Sullivan in a return engagement. One of England's better youngsters, Les Johnson, hit the top brackets by stopping Charley Squire. Stumpy Butwell whipped Jimmy Hogg, but, in turn, was knocked out by Tuffy Hancock, and Terry Allen decisioned Frank Tierney.

Following are the month's results in the various classes:

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Johnny Chambers, Philadelphia, Pa.
Light-heavyweight — Wally Unsold, Dover, Ohio
Middleweight—Jackie Keough, Cleveland, Ohio
Welterweight — Fairest Norman, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
Lightweight—Jay Watkins, Flint, Michigan
Featherweight—Cecil Fernandez, Cuba
Bantamweight — Joe Soares, Honolulu, T.H.
Flyweight—Neville Rincheval, Australia

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Joe Louis won a 15-round decision over Jersey Joe Walcott to retain his crown.

Max Schmeling decisioned Hans Joachim Dreagestein, 10. Joey Maxim outpointed Billy Thompson, 10.

Nathan Mann defeated Eldridge Eatman, 10. Ward Reed chilled Earl Turner, 7. Phil Muscato was defeated by Arturo Godoy in 10 hard rounds, but Phil beat Billy Grant, 10. Gene Jones kayoed Bob Garner, 1. Perk Daniels was a winner over Jimmy Bell, 6.

Roy Thomas whipped Fidel Arciniega, 8, and then Fidel was held to an eight-round draw by Shamus O'Brien. Buddy Walker defeated Hubert Hood, 10, and then kayoed Al Hoosman, 3. Jackie Fisher kayoed Tony Ouellette, 3. Ben Rusk halted Bob Miller, 2. Joe Muscato licked Teddy Randolph, 10.

Gino Buonvino outpointed Henry Jones, 8, and Leo Stoll, 8. Enrique Felpi defeated Johnny Shkor, 8. Billy Gilliam outscored Eddie Franklin, 8. Sandy McPherson whipped Angel Sortillo, 10. Duilio Spagnola knocked out Lonnie Clark, 3, and beat Al Kinsey, 10. Gene Gosney defeated Harry Berntsen, 10.

Pat Richards drew with Wilfred Sauve, 6. Tom Riffe beat Paul Crosby, 4. Henry Flakes whipped Jack Thompson, 6. Bill Weinberg defeated Enrique Felipi, 8; knocked out Sanders Cox, 8, and whipped Austin Johnson, 6.

Rollin LaStraza defeated Matt Mincey, 6. Dick Grant chilled Sam Hughes, 1. Sylvester Salters outscored Frank Reed, 4. Vern Mitchell chilled Fred Peeler, 4.

Jack Thompson won on a foul over Don Eagle, 1. Dick Hagley kayoed Sonny Graham, 1, and defeated Jim Schera, 6. Eddie Wilson stretched Leo Stoll, 4. Fred Ramsey stopped Tom Altieri, 1. Leo Matriciani defeated Verne Mitchell, 8.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Billy Fox stopped Jake LaMotta, 4. Ezzard Charles kayoed Fitzie Fitzpatrick, 4. Freddie Mills outpointed Stephane Olek, 10. Alabama Kid halted Richie Sands, 6.

Sam Baroudi nodded Al Johnson, 10. Sylvester Perkins outscored Art Swiden, 8. Charley Banks outscored Colon Chaney, 10.

Elton Evans nodded Casey Jones, 8. Reuben Jones beat Bill Poli, 8. Jimmy Hooper beat Doc Bee, 8. Hal Guss knocked out Sheldon Bell, 7, and Bell was then kayoed by Nick Barone, 6.

Tommy Merrill kayoed Coolidge Miller, 7. Harold Johnson starched Herbie Katz, 1. Johnny Bassett whipped Billy Johnson, 6. Eddie Dutton beat St. Paul, 8.

Eddie Ross stopped Al Henley, 3. Tiger Warrington halted Red Ryan, 1. Pat McCafferty whipped Joey Hartfield, 8. Dick Wagner defeated Fred McManus, 6.

Al Wright beat Cyclone Williams, 10. Phil Alston defeated Johnny Stevens, 6. Dick Wagner beat Luther McMillen, 6.

Hal Guss kayoed Orlando Trotter, 4; Art Swiden flattened Chris Tabor, 5; Pat McCafferty chilled Bob Montoya, 2.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Fred Apostoli won a 10-round decision over Georgie Abrams. Bert Lytell won over Major Jones, 10. Jackie Darthard outpointed Jimmy Sherrer, 10.

Tony Janiro, boxing as a middleweight, whipped Indian Gomez, 10, and stopped Joe Agosta, 4. O'Neill Bell won over Cecil Hudson, 10, but lost to Holman Williams, 10. Jimmy Edgar was a winner over Chuck Hunter, 10. Ruben Shank was stiffened by Mel Brown, 8, but Brown lost to Jack Burke, 10.

Anton Raadik whipped Al Priest, 10. Laverne Roach defeated Herbie Kronowitz, 10. Ralph Zannelli defeated Al Red Priest, 12. Steve Belloise chilled Billy Arnold, 1. Gene Boland beat Tony Masciarelli, 8.

Vinnie Rossano was a winner over Pete Mead, 8. Bob Murphy whipped Art Lind, 10. Pedro Jiminez stiffened Phil Angieri, 6. Mickey Doyle outpointed Sonny Horne, 10.

Bobby Volk kayoed Lincoln Stanley, 6. Pete Mead kayoed Joey DeJohn, 5. Harold Green defeated Nick Kashuba, 8. Ray Barnes knocked out Willie Edmonds, 3.

Allen Faulkner outpointed George Smith, 10. Jackie Burke stiffened Eddie LaMarr, 10. Buddy Washington beat Frankie Montoya, 10. Carl Olson whipped Boy Brooks, 10.

Sal Cesario whipped Joe Girard, 10. Joe Curcio whipped Ray Jackson, 10. Joe Blackwood defeated Henry Jordan, 10. Bill Poli whipped George Brown, 8.

Curtis Moore halted Joe Rindone, 4, and then Curtis lost to Gene Farland, 10. M. C. Daniels halted Billy Lewis, 4. Norman Rubio stopped Lou Valles, 6. Benny Davis nodded Steve Sabatino, 8. Hal Anspach beat Danny Martin, 10. Bert Ellis beat Joey Hartfield, 8. Jesse Jenkins outscored Willie Hedgemond, 6.

Jesse Jenkins whipped Art Robinson, 6. Eli

Hall decisioned Carl Gush, 8. Tony Bertucci defeated Joe Agosta, 8. Jesse Moraney whipped Ray Spurlock, 8. Art Brown stiffened Eddie Miller, 2.

Johnny Bassett defeated Roger Muriel, 6. Billy Walker stopped Art Tatta, 5. Don Lee halted Dick Smith, 6. Lew Perez beat Jim Taylor, 4.

Jimmy Walters defeated Jim Jackson, 6. Steve Klepis kayoed Reuben Cornish, 2. Bill Williams chilled Ricardo Radilli, 1. Doug Lang halted Mike Gillo, 1.

Mel Griffin beat Johnny Gray, 4. Ben Montabano whipped Oswaldo Silvo, 10. Ted DiGiammo knocked out Bobby Baldwin, 3. Jimmy Mangia nodded Edgar Greenwood, 8. Mike Santonino flattened Nick Milli, 2, and King David, 5.

Leon Thompson outscored Buzz Brown, 8. Pat Donahue knocked out Vic Costa, 3. Art Towne knocked out J. C. Wilkins, 2.

Charley Williams outscored Van McNutt, 10. Chick Musgrove beat Spencer Coleman, 10. Sylvester Perkins whipped Eddie O'Neill, 8. Frank Sweeney beat Bee Bee Washington, 10.

Pete Mead whipped Bill Poli, 8; Pat O'Connor drew with Freddie Flores, 8; Joe Governale beat George Small, 8; Meyer Siegel kayoed Joe Bennett, 6.

Al Hirsch decisioned Art Robinson, 8; Joe Curcio chilled Red Doty, 4; Lew Perez kayoed Bill Giovina, 1; Horace Bailey stopped Sal Cesario, 8.

Jackie Darthard defeated Cecil Hudson, 10; Leo O'Gara stopped Johnny Luz, 3; Larry Villeneuve beat Frankie Ross, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Eugene Burton kayoed Leon Haire, 10. George Costner chilled Jackie Cooper, 3. Bos Murphy knocked out Roy Peterson in 7.

Charley Fusari whipped Sammy Adragna, 10. Robert Villemain kayoed Egisto Peyre, 9. Frankie Fernandez stopped Joey Barnum, 8. Billy Graham nodded Rosso Rossano, 10. Johnny Cesario stopped Frankie Duane, 5.

Roman Alvarez nodded Dorsey Lay, 8. Ruby Kessler outscored Joe Lucignano, 10, but lost to Nava Esparza, 8. Otis Graham whipped Lennox Dingle, 8, and stopped Jim Collins, 5. Chester Rico nodded Mickey Savage, 10.

Lee Britto beat Gene LeBlanc, 10. Bobby Zollo nodded Shamus McCray, 10. Terry Moore won over Freddie Archer, 10. Henry Jordan drew with Tony Riccio, 8.

Dave Andrews kayoed Joe Pyle, 3. Phil Burton stopped Juan Carrero, 7. Charley Early stopped Lee Black, 6. Jimmy Collins was a winner over Al Mobley, 8.

Honey Johnson kayoed Danny Ruggiero, 6. Dom Sinibaldi halted Jim Brown, 7. Walter Stevens stopped Freddie Nelson, 3. Buzz Brown drew with Leon Thompson, 8.

Gene Hairston beat Frank Hardiman, 6. Tony Falco stiffened Billy Gordon, 6. George Hammond beat Van Penn, 8. Ruby Margolin knocked out Johnny Coe, 6.

Fitzie Pruden knocked out Bobby Williams, 4, and beat Russ Howard, 8. Benny Delgado upset Jackie Lovatt, 10. Honey Johnson starched Humberto Zavala, 1. Billy Kearns whipped Richard Polite, 10. Billy Murray won over Eddie Richmond, 6. Paddy Young defeated Vince Scarpati, 8.

Charley Williams nodded Charley Early, 10. Eddie Moniz defeated Lee Britto, 10. Tiger Flowers beat Bill Nellis, 6, and then in 8. Vic Cardell defeated Marion Jones, 6. Jimmy McDonough decisioned Frankie Cordino, 10.

Fairest Norman decisioned Ernest Dennis, 4, and Dave Peters, 4. Joey Falco outscored Cliff Dyes, 8. Jimmy Simms halted Tommy Mills, 1. Andy Drachmas stopped Eska Mosley, 4. Tony Falco stopped George Smith, 4.

Tommy Gargano beat Len Holton, 4. Bobby Lee chilled Nava Esparza, 2. Frankie Abrams outscored Nick Castiglione, 10. Shamus McCray stopped Joey Peralta, 9.

Hy Melzer defeated Frankie Balestra, 4, and Len Holton, 4. Bobby Claus whipped Patsy Gall, 10. Joe Harris kayoed Solly Levitt, 2. Al Michaud drew with Phil Roderique, 10.

Gene Hairston stopped Thompson Harmon, 2. Ray Jackson stopped Bernie Harper, 3. Charley Zack kayoed Fred Walker, 4. Al Medrano licked Frankie Conti, 10. Andy DePaul whipped Joe Jordan, 6.

Jim Taylor drew with Mitchell Allen, 6. Jesse Harrison chilled Ossie Cooper, 3. Ted Murray defeated John Eddington, 6. Bobby Mann stopped Ernie Petrone, 3.

George Baltieri kayoed Fred Simpson, 1. Andy DePaul nodded Ted Pritchard, 6. Billy Murray halted Ernie Giusti, 3. Bobby Claus stopped Jimmy McDonough, 4.

Walter Stevens knocked out Freddie Nelson, 2. Emil Evans decisioned Marty Doyle, 6. Charlie Williams beat Van McNutt, 10. Cyril Gallie beat Joe Cassidy, 8.

Fernando Trindade defeated Vince Callahan, 8. Charlie Dotson whipped Charlie Lagore, 6. Gene LeBlanc drew with Frankie Hamilton, 6. Danny Ruggiero beat Chico Pacheco, 10.

Al Michaud beat Phil Roderique, 10. Johnny Dabbs licked Jimmy Cone, 10. Laurie Buxton stopped Andy DePaul, 1. Sol Levitt took Willie Smith, 4. Sid Haber was a winner over Mario Centi, 8. Tony Rose stopped Billy Smith, 5.

Ray Robinson kayoed Billy Nixon, 6; Gene Burton scored a surprise win over Bernard Docusen in 10; Ernie Roderick defeated Eric Boon to retain the Empire title in 15; Jimmy Sauer outscored Kenny James, 8.

Carey Mace took the measure of Leo Sawicki, 10; Stonewall Jackson whipped Willie Cheatum, 10; Joe Falco nodded George Hammond, 8; Ben Montabano defeated Ernie Pelaia, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Enrique Bolanos defeated Julio Jiminez, 10. Rudy Cruz bested Buddy Holderfield, 10. Josef Preys beat Al Phillips, 8. Freddie Dawson kayoed Dave Andrews, 2.

Livio Minelli upset Bob Montgomery, 10. Johnny Williams beat the European champion, Roberto Proietti, 10. Paddy DeMarco halted Joey Carkido, 7. Maxie Docusen chilled Simon Vegara, 1, and Davey Hernandez, 2.

Danny Webb stretched Bobby English, 4. Bobby Ruffin beat Willie Beltram, 8. Mario Trigo whipped Eddie Hudson, 10. Tommy McGovern was a winner over Tony LaBua, 8, but lost to Arthur King, 8.

Julie Bort topped John LaRusso, 8. Dennis Pat Brady outscored Jackie Weber, 10, but dropped a 10-round duke to Joey Angelo. Joey Fagan shaded George Neubeck, 8. Del Flanagan decisioned Dave Marsh, 6. Paulino Montes stopped Luis Vega, 4.

Terry Young decisioned Frankie Palermo, 10. Buddy Hayes decisioned Tic Mollozzi, 10. Al Pennino put an end to the winning ways of Joey Carkido, 8. Spider Armstrong stopped Hubert Gagnier, 8. Leo LeBlond nodded Corky Davis, 8. Herbie Freeman drew with Young Polite, 10. Tommy Stenhouse stopped Bobby Timpson, 6.

Gene Spencer drew with Jesse Underwood, 10. Jimmy Corti whipped Aponte Torres, 8. Joey Belfoire drew with Dino Bleta, 10. Eddie Bertolino beat Gordon House, 10. Kenny Haines lost to Johnny Marino, 6.

Charley Donovan beat Alvara Estrada, 6. Ace Miller whipped Willie Russell, 12. Al Balisano defeated Jimmy Joyce, 10. Richie Shinn stopped Jackie Harris, 8.

Tommy Stenhouse knocked out Roy Andrtws, 8. McCoy Jones hated Booker Hodges, 7. Dick Jones whipped Jimmy McLarnin, 8. Johnny Best chilled Johnny Scott, 3.

Florient Desmarais drew witr Blond Tiger, 10. Greg Gomez chilled Billy Simmons, 4. Buddy Washington chilled Dickie Weinhold, 1. Freddy Russo won over George Estrada, 8.

Roy Andrews drew with Nick Stato, 8. Young Junior whipped Leon LeBlond, 10. Jimmy Warren defeated Dino Bleta, 8. Billy Simmons bested Jimmy Allen, 4.

Buddy Garcia halted Henry Majcher, 3; Al Pennino drew with James Carter, 8; Calvin Smith halted Pedro Biesca, 8; Florient Desmarais whipped Kit Carson, 10.

Al Victoria kayoed Speedy Navarro, 6; Mannie Torres finished Ernie Kerber, 3; Hy Melzer defeated Jose Maya, 4; Johnny Johnikin won over Eddie White, 6.

Tommy Wells took the measure of Blond Tiger, 10; Al Gaulteri beat Richie Callura, 6; Tony LaBua drew with Nat Harden, 8.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Charley Riley again won over Jimmy McAllister, 12. Sandy Saddler kayoed Lino Garcia, 3. Baby Jose Gonzales outclassed Star Misamis, 10.

Floyd Shiflett lost to Humberto Sierra, 10. Manny Ortega decisioned Bobby Jackson, 10. Rudy Pasco halted Jimmy Callura, 7. Jimmy Cooper flattened Puggy King, 4.

Lauro Salas stopped Ron Cannon, 8. Bobby Jackson nodded Lorenzo Safora, 10. Tom Collins beat Earl Roys, 12. Willie Alexander kayoed Johnny Settles, 8. Al Smith edged Spider Armstrong, 10.

Jackie Romero stiffened Howard Jones, 4. Herbie (Biff) Jones nodded Filberto Osario, 10. Mel Neary decisioned Charley Williams, 10. Jim Rooney chilled Billy Reed, 3.

Davey Allen beat Billy Lima, 8. Charles Cabey Lewis stopped Jim Carter, 7, and beat Johnny Forte, 10. Eddie Dumazel kayoed Robert Fuentes, 3. Keith Nuttall outpointed Jimmy Joyce, 10. Joe Lucas drew with Charlie Titone, 8.

Glen Flanagan whipped Danny Martin, 8, and stopped Nick Kachardus, 3, and Augie Soave, 5. Bobby Polowitzer beat Gene Gomes, 6. Jerry Meckler stopped Joe Gamby, 3.

Johnny Moran whipped Joey Dell, 6. Nat Terranova decisioned Lou Langler, 4. Harry Harvey defeated Jim Enopia, 8. George Cote chilled Bill Shea, 3. Joe Costa kayoed Baby Zamarappa, 3. Dick Young whipped Blond Tiger, 8.

Louis Bell decisioned Billy Sheridan, 6. Mal Evans outscored Steve Kronis, 6. Henry Lassain nodded Jesus Campos, 8.

Doc Blanchard decisioned Martin Tabor, 8. Johnny Moran outscored Joey Dell, 6. Ray Edwards beat Mike Tarantino, 6. Orlando Fernandez drew with Joey Gamby, 6.

Matt Parker drew with Bobby Waters, 8. Mel Hammond stopped Ted Christie, 4. Johnny Juliano drew with Nick Stato, 10.

Lou Langley defeated Nat Terranova, 6; Pete Jasmine stopped Alvaro Estrada, 2; Ray Edwards whipped Lou Campos, 6; Mimmie Adragna chilled Joey Longo, 2.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

David Kui Kong Young kayoed Young Leyte, 7. George Kennedy kayoed Elley Bennett, 13. Luis Castillo knocked out Aurel Toma, 6.

Armando Puenti Pi kayoed Mario Rivero, 5, and drew with Battleship Martinez, 10. Little Paras stopped Davie Robinson, 4. Earl Kelly decisioned Joe Cuccinotti, 6. Charley Brown decisioned Johnny Boom, 8.

Johnny Kent defeated Andy McCulloch, 8. Lefty Garay chilled Miguel Cairo, 1. Manuel Armenteros drew with Black Pico, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Monito Flores defeated Memo Valero, 12. Stumpy Butwell beat Jim Hogg, 12. Emile Famechon won on a foul over Dickie O'Sullivan, 3, but Dickie came back to beat Famechon, 8.

Terry Allen beat Frank Tierney, 8. Charley Squire was stopped by Les Johnson, 7. Taffy Hancock knocked out Stumpy Butwell, 3. Tomas Vega drew with Fernando Amante, 8, and stopped Amdo Mir, 7.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

JACK LESIE, Flint, Mich., featherweight contender, who missed in his title bid against the featherweight champion Willie Pep, has returned to New Orleans and plans on wintering here.

Vic Costa, Bobby Gleason's New York heavyweight, was indefinitely suspended by the Louisiana Athletic Commission the day following his three round knockout by Pat Donahue, New Orleans Irishman, at the Coliseum Arena. Costa was paid his purse. The New Yorker is through and Manager Bobby Gleason should advise him to hang up his gloves.

The Costa-Donahue scheduled ten rounder was staged by Promoter Heard Ragas. Keith Hamilton, New Orleans lightweight, defeated Johnny Villanueva, San Antonio, Tex., in another ten. Joe Dazet, Eddie Bruns' welterweight, drew with Joe Nuccio in five.

2043 fans who paid $2402.19 net booed the Donahue-Costa bout from start to finish.

Maurice "Lefty" LaChance, Maine southpaw lightweight, made a pitiful ten round losing stand against Joe Johnson, Eunice, La., protege of Dominick Gullotta in the feature ten round bout of Promoter Heard Ragas' card at the Coliseum Arena.

Johnson, making his first main event start locally, won breezing. LaChance's poor showing deprived Johnson of credit for his victory over the washed up LaChance. Pat Donahue knocked out Nick Melli, Brooklyn stablemate of LaChance, in the third round. In an eight rounder, Keith Hamilton outpointed Augie Lapara easily.

2129 fans paid a net gate of $2548.11 to witness the ordinary program.

Cosby Linson broke Chester Rico's winning streak here in a ten round bout staged by Promoter Louis Messina at the Municipal Auditorium.

Anthony Anone, Brother Kron's pleasing and rugged lightweight, outpunched Pete Manchio, Rico's stablemate, to win the decision in eight rounds. Jackie Burke, Minneapolis, Minn., stablemate of Elmer (Violent) Ray, decisioned willing and busy Billy Kilgore, Birmingham, Ala., in eight.

Gene Bonner, Morgan City, La., 194, making his professional debut, decisioned the experienced Eddie Calecas in five rounds.

Bonner, managed by Jerome Conforto, former Southern welterweight champion, is the best looking youngster to show here.

Wilson A. Broussard, Lafayette, La., former football star, opened the Coliseum Arena, which has a seating capacity of 4000 fans. The Arena was built at a cost of $100,000 and is one of the finest in Dixie. Anthony Arnone and Joe Kosky appeared in the feature ten round bout of Broussard's first card.

Broussard is anxious for fighters and managers in the South to contact him at the Coliseum Arena, Lafayette, La. Broussard plans on staging at least two professional fight cards monthly.

Pot Shots—Charley Rodriguez, who was connected with Joe Russo as owners of a gymnasium which has closed up, is now on his own managing a stable of fighters headed by Pat Donahue, Eddie Calecas and Ray "Jitterbug" Smith. Rodriguez has no partners in his fistic stable. Russo is now training fighters and works with Chester Rico and other Easterners who show here. Lloyd "Hap" Glaudi, who succeeded Fred Digby, as sports editor of the *New Orleans Item* is doing a swell job. Al Liska, member of the Lousiana Athletic Commission, resigned to become an assistant city attorney.

Fighters unattached desiring to winter here and box can contact the writer at the DeSoto Hotel. Happy New Year to all.

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BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

FOR one who admits to being a pretty fair hand at figuring crossword and jigsaw puzzles, this department frankly confesses it has often been nonplussed by the confusing decisions of our best legal minds in their interpretations of the law.

For instance, out in Hollywood recently, Fabela Chavez, a lightweight, had demanded an injunction to bar the televising of his bout with Buddy Jacklich.

In turning down Chavez' request, Superior Judge Frank G. Swain ruled:

"A prizefight is an event of public interest, and a fighter who appears as a participant in a boxing contest waives his rights of privacy as to that contest. Unless a fighter in his contract reserves the television rights to the fight, the promoter owns those rights, because a promoter has the authority to say who may or may not use a television camera on his private property."

Granted. But just what is the promoter selling—his "private property" or the fights being staged thereon, which aren't exactly "private," since the public, at so much cash per admission, is encouraged to attend.

Who gives the promoter the authority to peddle the services of those fighters to a television outfit—if those fighters neither are consulted in the matter nor paid for their services?

The matter may not be of particularly vital moment to a preliminary or semi-final boxer fighting for a flat guarantee and not interested in the gate receipts.

But what of the main-event performer who generally operates on a percentage of those receipts?

From this department's point of observation—and without a single legal "whereas," "aforesaid," "ipso facto" or "corpus delecti"—it seems logical to assume that what the promoter collects from the television outfit for permitting his fights to be televised is just as much receipts as the money that comes in through the club's box-office.

And, if we're being irrelevant, immaterial and inconsequential in our premise, we'd appreciate having the party of any other part toss us a rebuttal.

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IN reporting Livio Minelli's win over Bob Montgomery in Philadelphia, the press services credited the younger of the battling Italian brothers with running off his 103rd consecutive victory, the streak presumably embracing both amateur and professional activities. In the interests of Truth—in news, editorials and advertisements—this department hastens to toss in a slight correction. We have no record of Livio as an amateur, but as a pro he lost two decisions and was held to three draws in 29 outings in Europe. His win over Montgomery was his ninth straight in American rings.

Calamity certainly piled up on Charley (Zivic) Affif, popular young Pittsburgh middleweight, in his affair with the veteran Sonny Horne at the St. Nick. Charley not only was declared the loser in a bout that practically everybody present—excepting Referee Harry Ebbets and Judge Jack Gordon—was convinced he had won, but he suffered a cracked right thumb that'll probably mean a layoff of three or four months, knocking him out of work that would have netted him close to $15,000 in purses.

Topping the season's silliest blurbs is Small Montana's "claim" to the world flyweight title. The Filipino, nearing his 35th birthday, and out of serious ring competition since he was flattened by Luis Castillo in Mexico City in 1941, was beaten for the title by the late Benny Lynch in Glasgow as far back as 11 years ago.

Bert Hornby, hard-hitting young English lightweight, is planning a jaunt to these parts shortly. Hornby, in line for a crack at Billy Thompson and the British title, feels that a few months of campaigning in American rings would represent excellent seasoning experience for him. Ronnie Taylor, one of the better prospects among Britain's young featherweights, may accompany Hornby here.

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THE general recession that seems to have caught up to boxing receipts isn't reflected in the figures of the St. Nick Arena. Even with lower admission prices prevailing, the club has been running ahead of its pace of a year ago. The first 16 shows of the current campaign grossed about $137,000, compared to $127,000 for a corresponding period in the 1946-47 season. The answer, of course, is intelligent matchmaking and better attractions.

The licking that obscure Enrique Felpi recently tossed into Johnny Shkor at the Jamaica Arena reminded us that it doesn't pay to mess around in this business. Things happen too quickly, and the idea is to grab while the grabbing is good. Shkor was very much in demand following the surprising technical kayo he registered over Tami Mauriello in Boston last March. Ebbets Field wanted him back with Mauriello, and Ruppert Stadium in Newark was in the market for him and Pat Comiskey. Shkor could have picked up a healthy paycheck for either bout. But Manager Johnny Buckley, with visions of grandeur—yea, a title extravaganza with Joe Louis—hemmed and hawed until the "edge" went off Shkor, and Johnny, without cashing in on the Mauriello win, landed back in the small-time circuit.

An odd twist—Pete Mead and Herbie Kronowitz topped a Garden card last September; less than three months later both were beaten the same week in smaller clubs—Mead losing to Vinnie Rossano at the Broadway, and Kronowitz dropping a decision to Laverne Roach at the St. Nick.

Scotland steps out with a claim to the ring's tallest middleweight, Tiny Cliphane, who spreads his 160 pounds through a frame measuring 6 feet, 4 inches.

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SOL STRAUSS' plans to import those rival flyweight title disputants, Jackie Paterson of Scotland and Rinty Monaghan of Ireland, and have them settle their argument in the "neutral" Garden ring, seem to have cooled off somewhat. Monaghan has been eager for the showdown, but the dilly-dally tactics of Paterson's menage have dampened the enthusiasm Strauss had worked up over the match. Sol is now turning his attention to a possible international bantam title affair in the Garden between Manuel Ortiz and that sensational English veteran, Peter Kane.

"Mickey Walker on Canvas" is not, as one would imagine, a fistic tale of the one-time welterweight and middleweight champ. It is a motion picture, in color and with sound, of Walker's artistic efforts with oil paintings. The film is entertaining and well narrated by Mickey and his radio sports partner, Bill Sherman.

From out Los Angeles way, Gene Vinassa relays the information that George Parnassus is planning to invade New York shortly with his lightweight ace, Enrique Bolanas. Objective—a crack at the winner of the Ike Williams-Bob Montgomery title scuffle, listed for January 16 in the Garden. . . . Incidentally, Vinassa, after all these years, has gone domestic. He has adopted a year-old baby boy, and, to give the youngster a real "home atmosphere," rented a house and bought a load of furniture. Catching Gene over the washtub is something we've just got to see, if we hope to complete our education.

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The month's results:

The semi-final to the Fox-LaMotta affair in the Garden produced one of the keenest battles of the year, with Roman Alvarez, 143, West Side, edging out Dorsay Lay, 141½, Philadelphia, in eight. Solly Cantor, 133¾, transplanted Canadian, now operating out of Paterson, had too much stuff for Lou Castrilli, 131½, Bronx, in one six, and Verne Lester, 155, Oakland, Cal., out-

slugged Clarence Wilkinson, 161, Bronx, in another. In fours, Don Hassoek, 159½, Elizabeth, whipped Charles Brown, 155, St. Petersburg, Fla., and Marvin Dick, 122, Brooklyn, had the better of Mike Tarantino, 123, Bronx. The $102,521 turned in by 18,345 fans represented the first sellout figures reported by the Garden in eight months.

Bill Weinberg, 213, who shifts his allegiance between the West Side and Boston, was too ringwise for Enrique Felpi, 209, Argentine, in eight at the Ridgewood Grove. In sixes, Wally DeMaio, 150, Queens Village, won from Joe Jordan, 150, Brooklyn; Nick Mistovich, 145, Youngstown, beat Ray Solomon, 146, Brooklyn, and Paul Midiri, 131, Corona, decisioned Johnny Marino, 135, East New York. In fours, Nick Bufilano, 156, Brooklyn, whipped his borough rival, Doug Long, 160; Richie Dallas, 161, St. Louis, got the nod over Lew Perez, 165, Puerto Rico, and Sonny Levitt, 145, East Side, kayoed James Calvert, 145, also East Side, in the first.

With Charley (Zivic) Affif reporting a cracked right thumb, Harold Green, 158, Brownsville, replaced him at the Broadway Arena, and whipped Nick Kashuba, 161, in a lively eight. In sixes, Jerry Meklin, 130¼, outpointed Joe Gamby, 125½, in a battle of West Siders; George Baltieri, 148, Brownsville, flattened Bernie Harper, 149, Bronx, in the first, and Felix Gomez, 150½, San Domingo, beat Ray Kelly, 156, Brooklyn. Oscar Lewis, 133½, Newark, stopped Dick Jones, 137, Saratoga, in the first, and Hy Meltzer, 142½, East Side, outpointed Frankie Dell, 139½, Brooklyn, in four.

The flashy young Britisher, Tommy (Terry) McGovern, 137, made it 10 wins in 12 starts in American rings by taking the decision over Tony LaBua, 135½, Ozone Park, in a fast eight at Sunnyside Garden. In sixes, Charley Donovan, 137, East Side, outpointed Alvare Estrada, 131, Mexico, and Leon Gabriel, 147, Atlantic City, outpunched Clarence Alleyne, 145½, Brooklyn. In fours, Numi Campos, 130½, West Side, defeated Ray Edwards, 125½, Jamaica; Johnny Solomone, 125½, Bronx, had the better of Bob Fuentes, 121¾, Puerto Rico, and Al Raschko, 166, Harlem, kayoed Ricardo Radneillo, 163, West Side, in the third.

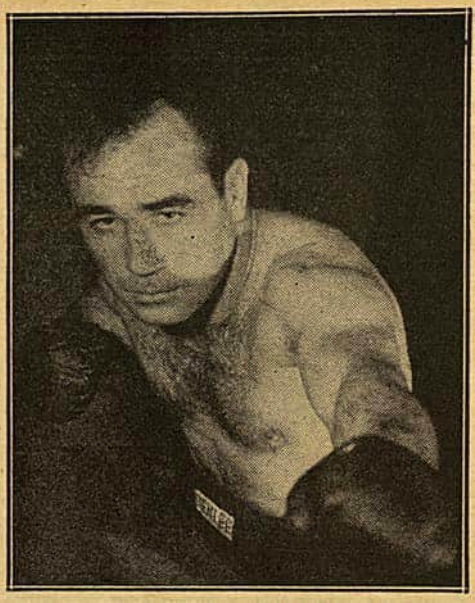
Something of a surprise was registered at the Park Arena when the veteran Al Pennino, 134, Brooklyn, outscored the heavily-favored Joey Carkido, 136, Youngstown, in a spirited eight. Johnny Moran, 128, Brooklyn, outpointed Joey Dell, 128, New Haven, and Sol Ferrello, 124, Harlem, beat Marcel Theriault, 129½, Canada, in sixes. In fours, Nat Terranova, 127½, Bronx, outpointed Lou Langley, 122¾, Harlem; Jerry Falio, 153, Fordham, decisioned Eddie Brown, 149, Harlem, and Len Holton, 146½, St. Louis, flattened Ossie Cooper, 142, Pittsburgh, in the first.

The heavyweight member of the invading Italian forces, Gino Buonvino, 195¼, maintained his undefeated streak in American rings by punching out a decision over Henry Jones, 217, Philadelphia, in eight at the Ridgewood Grove. The verdict gave Buonvino a record of six wins and one draw in seven starts in these parts. In the semi-final, Greg Gomez, 134, Puerto Rico, knocked out Billy Simmons, 135½, Jamaica, in the fourth.

Billy Graham, 143½, East Side, needed all his speed, cleverness and ring generalship to edge his way to a close decision over Rocco Rossano, 143, Brooklyn, in a fast-punching ten at the St. Nick Arena. Graham's big early lead offset Rossano's furious finish. Paddy Young, 145¼, Greenwich Village, was awarded a close verdict over Vince Scapari, 143, Newark, in the semi-final eight. Jesse Jenkins, 162½, Monticello, punched out a win over Willie Hedgemond, 169½, St. Petersburg, Fla., in one six, and in another Andy Drachmas, 139, East Side, stopped Eska Mosley, 143, Bronx, in the fourth. In fours, Fairest Norman, 143¾, Mount Vernon, outpointed Ernest Dennis, 142½, Harlem, and Steve Klephis, 161¾, Clifton, N. J., halted Billy Williams, 159¾, East Side, in the first.

Back in action after a "vacation" of two and a half months, Herbie Kronowitz, 158½, popular Brooklynite, blew himself to a mild ten-round workout at the expense of Indian Gomez, 161, Mexico, at the Jamaica Arena. Kronowitz won pretty much as he pleased, but Gomez, though outclassed, fought back stubbornly. In the semi-final, Joe Lucas, 122½, Jamaica, knocked out Bobby Fuentes, 121¾, Mexico, in the fourth.

The American campaign of Roberto Proietti, 140, didn't get off to a particularly auspicious start when the Italian holder of the European lightweight title was outhustled by Johnny Williams, 138½, Birmingham, Ala., in ten at the St. Nick Arena. Proietti showed clever boxing ability, but Williams proved too durable for him. Benny Davis, 161, Port Chester, defeated Steve Sabatino, 156, Brooklyn, in the semi-final eight. Eugene Hairston, 146½, Bronx, beat Frank Hardeman, 140½, Atlanta, Ga., in six. In fours, Ernie Kerber, 135½, Jersey City, outpointed Chester Williams, 131¾, Greenwich Village, and Nick Arcuri, 134, Union City, defeated Bob Roger, 131¾, Brooklyn.



Hard-hitting Spanish heavyweight, Fidel Arciniega, has become a popular attraction at the Ridgewood Grove, with six fights there within two months.

The Spanish heavyweight, Fidel Arciniega, 196, found the chunky five-by-five dimensions of rugged Roy Thomas, 196, Brooklyn, a bit awkward to figure at the Ridgewood Grove, and dropped the decision in eight. It was Arciniega's first defeat in five American starts. Dick Wagner, 173, youngster from the Pacific Northwest, walloped Luther McMillen, 171½, Brooklyn, in a special six. In other sixes, Phil Alston, 174½, Roseland, L. I., defeated Johnny Stevens, 174, Brooklyn, and Roscoe Howards, 205½, Bronx, stopped Fred Ramsey, 189, West Side, in the fourth. In fours, Dick Jones, 135, West Side, halted Al Lazenke, 139, East Side, in the third; Rubin Cornish, 173, Bronx, decisioned Helmut Decker, 178, Yorkville, and Mickey Alagna, 135, kayoed his Brooklyn rival, Bob Rager, 130, in the third.

Showing in a metropolitan ring for the first time in more than five years, Johnny Shkor, 224, Boston, was beaten by Enrique Felpi, 208, Argentina, in a gruelling eight at the Jamaica Arena. Mike Tarantino, 123, Bronx, decisioned his borough rival, Ken McLain, 126½, in a lively six. In another six, Joe Lucas, 122½, Jamaica, stopped Jimmy Williams, 120¾, Hoboken, in the third. In fours, Al Smith, 139, Ozone Park, outpointed Ossie Cooper, 142, Pittsburgh, and Mario Moreno, 141, Ozone Park, decisioned Fox Williams, 138½, Brooklyn.

Terry Young's spectacular comeback campaign almost came acropper at the St. Nick Arena when, after winning all the way, the East Sider, 138¼, ran into a thunderous right and was unexpectedly floored by Frankie Palermo, 140½, Bronx, in the ninth. Young barely survived the round, and was still groggy in the tenth, but managed to weather the rough going and grab the decision. Two four-round kayoes were registered by Bobby James, 157, Harlem, at the expense of Bobby Hughes, 159½, Warren, Ohio, and Rudy Pasco, 125½, Toronto, who finished Orlando Fernandez, 125, Cuba. Jerry Mehlin, 155½, Detroit, polished off Bobby Williams, 159½, Scranton, in the first. In fours, Tommy Gargano, 146½, Brooklyn, won over Lenny Holton, 150½, St. Louis; Fairest Norman, 146, Mount Vernon, decisioned Dave Peters, 141, Bronx, and Lew Perez, 158½, Puerto Rico, copped the nod over James Taylor, 156, Boston.

Vinnie Rossano, 152, elder of the two battling Brooklyn brothers, edged through to a close verdict over Pete Mead, 160¾, Grand Rapids, in eight at the Broadway Arena. An odd twist was that all three officials wound up with draw verdicts on rounds, but the points score favored Rossano. In sixes, Charley Zack, 151, Brooklyn, flattened Fred Walker, 146, Durham, N. C., in the fourth, and Johnny Bassett, 178, Burlington, Vt., outpointed Bill Johnson, 165, Harlem. In fours, Mel Griffin, 169½, Jamaica, walloped Johnny Gray, 164½, Mount Vernon, and Roy Edwards, 126¼, Jamaica, whipped Wally Doktor, 122½, East Side.

Gene Boland, 157½, Detroit, had too much stuff for Tony Masciarelli, 155, West Side, and won handily in eight at the Park Arena. Herbie Morris, 154, Bronx, whipped his neighborhood rival, Herbie Rinson, 151¾, in six. In fours, Bobby Rager, 131, Brooklyn, beat Jesse Griffin, 132, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Billy Williams, 159¾, Bronx, knocked out Randy Randanelli, 164¾, Uruguay, in the first, and Doug Lang, 162, Brooklyn, flattened Mike Gillo, 157, New Haven, in the first.

The up-and-coming Canadian youngster, Solly Cantor, 134, now fighting out of Paterson, tacked another win to his fast-increasing list by stopping Herbie Johnson, 134, Brooklyn, in the fifth at the White Plains Civic Center. Eugene Hairston, 145¾, Harlem, halted Thompson Harmon, 139, Harlem, in the second. Alvare Estrada, 131, Mexico, outpointed Kenny Haines, 131, Hamilton, Ont., in six. In fours, Nat Terranova, 129, Bronx, beat Marcel Therreault, 128½, Canada, and Steve Klepis, 163¼, Paterson, floored Reuben Cornish, 168¼, Bronx, in the second.

Laverne Roach, 157, originally of Plainview, Tex., but now billing himself out of Millburn, N. J., registered the most impressive win of his career by taking the decision over Herbie Kronowitz, 158¾, in a spirited ten at the St. Nick Arena. Kronowitz had the better of the early rounds, but Roach, fighting a heady battle all the way, came on during the closing sessions to outbox and outpunch the Brooklynite. Wilfred (Fitzy) Pruden, 140½, Canada, edged out Russell Howard, 144, Yorkville, in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Theodore Murray, 141, Harlem, decisioned John Eddington, 140, Youngstown, and Teddy DiGiammo, 155, North Bergen, stopped Bobby Baldwin, 152, West Englewood, in the third. In fours, Hy Meltzer, 146, East Side, whipped Lenny Holton, 146½, St. Louis, and Angel Ayala, 129, Jamaica, stowed away Ernie Kerber, 136, Jersey City, in the third.

Continuing along his winning way, Gino Buonvino, 197, Italy, punched out an easy win over Leo Stoll, 184, Baltimore, in eight at the Ridgewood Grove. In sixes, Earl Shaw, 147, Brooklyn, whipped Silvio Zangrillo, 151, also of Brooklyn; Charley Titone, 124, Ridgewood, defeated Joe Gamby, 126, Brooklyn, and Dom Marchese, 148, Brooklyn, flattened Johnny Capri, 147¾, Kingston, in the third. In fours, Jimmy Perangelo, 139, East Side, won from Jesse Griffin, 135, West Palm Beach, and Lew Perez, 160, Puerto Rico, stopped Johnny Holt, 165, Brooklyn.

Teeming rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of 3,500 fans and fanettes who turned out for the Jersey City Armory's opening show of the season. They were well rewarded with a fighting card that bristled with action. In the top ten, Ruby Kessler, 145½, Brooklyn, had to stage a strong rally in the closing rounds to edge out Joe Lucignano, 147, Hoboken. Another ten, a riotous affair while it lasted, was won by the veteran Norman Rubio, 152½, Albany, when the referee decided Lou Valles, 155½, East Side, had enough and halted the affair in the eighth. The first ten resulted in a close decision for aggressive Harold Anspach, 160, Millburn, over clever Danny Martin, 151½, Newark. Gene Salisbury, 144½, Union City, outpointed Joe Haley, 144, West Side, in four, and Teddy DiGiammo, 154¾, Union City, stopped Bobby Fehl, 149½, Bayonne, in the third.

Another new club opened auspiciously when close to 4,000 customers crowded into the Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn to see Bobby Ruffin, 139½, veteran Astorian, even his score with Willie Beltram, 136¾, Bronx, by taking a unanimous decision in eight. Ruffin floored Beltram for nine in the first, and held the lead all the way. Johnny Moran, 129, Bronx, outpointed Joey Dell, 131¼, New Haven, in the semi-final six. Ray Edwards, 127, Jamaica, whipped Mike Tarantino, 123, Bronx, in another six. In fours, Hy Meltzer, 144½, East Side, defeated Frank Balestra, 146¾, Brooklyn; Joe Harris, 147, Bronx, kayoed Sol Levitt, 147, East Side, in the second, and Jesse Harrison, 144, Brooklyn, flattened Ossie Cooper, 142, Pittsburgh, in the third.

Showing in a New York ring for the first time since he was stopped by Joe Louis in 1941, Arturo Godoy, 201½, veteran Chilean, was too rough and rugged for Phil Muscato, 183½, Buffalo, in ten at the St. Nick Arena. Jimmy Mangia, 161¾, East Side, edged out Edco Greenwood, 160¾, West Side, in a bruising semi-final eight. Mike Santonino, 155½, Corona, packed too much stuff for Nick Melli, 158, Brooklyn, and the referee called a halt in the second. In six, Roland LaStarza, 185½, Bronx, registered his tenth straight professional win by whipping Matty Mincey, 188¾, Paterson. In fours, Donald Riffe, 188, Valley Stream, decisioned Paul Crosby, 180½, North Bergen, and Sylvester Salter, 192½, Cincinnati, beat Frank Reed, 203, Bronx.

A Canadian argument was aired at the White Plains Civic Center, when Rudy Pasco, 125, Toronto, was credited with a knockout in seven over Jimmy Callura, 123¾, Hamilton. Oscar Lewis, 134½, Newark, outpointed Paul Apesca, 135¾, Bronx, in the semi-final six. A kid who'll bear a lot of watching, Marcel Pacheco, 140, Bronx, required only one round to polish off Salvadore Caliento, 145, Springfield, Mass. In fours, Fairest Norman, 147½, Mount Vernon, outpointed Mel Williams, 148, Trenton, and Manuel Torres, 140¼, Phoenix, Ariz., decisioned Art Garcia, 138¼, New Haven.

Considered little more than a brisk workout for his opponent, Nava Esparza, 146¾, Mexico, tossed a stunning shock into the fans and Ruby

Kessler, 146½, by whipping the Brooklynite in eight at the Broadway Arena. Al Hirsch, 152½, East Side, finished Autrey Barnes, 153¾, Bronx, in the first of the semi-final, and another quick kayo was scored by George Baltieri, 147, Brownsville, who stowed away Freddie Simpson, 147½, Bronx, in the opening frame. In fours, Billy Simmons, 137, Long Island City, bested Jimmy Allen, 135, Philadelphia; Lew Perez, 156½, Puerto Rico, clowned and clutched his way to a decision over Jim Henderson, 158, Paterson, and George Washington finished Howard Berger, 198¾, Philadelphia, in the first.

Jimmy Warren, 136, Brooklyn, proved a bit too shifty and too accurate a puncher for Dino Bleta, 132, Canton, Ohio, in eight at Sunnyside Garden. Orlando Fernandez, 124½, Cuba, drew with Joe Gamby, 125¾, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. In another six, Joe Poccia, 140½, Yonkers, thumped his way to a decision over Lenny Durham, 142½, Brooklyn. In fours, Mario Marino, 138½, Ozone Park, outpunched Ralph Cavalarro, 133½, Puerto Rico; Wally Doktor, 122½, Sunnyside, defeated John Salamone, 124½, Bronx, and Andy Russo, 152, Bronx, halted Jay Orr, 151, Brooklyn, in the third.

A fast start and a solid finish gave Julie Bort, 138½, Brooklyn, a slight edge on Johnny LaRusso, 134, Bronx, in eight at the Park Arena. Joey Scarlot, 127½, promising Harlem youngster, polished off Marcel Therreault, 129½, Canada, in the third of the semi-final. Lou Castrilli, 131, Bronx, outpointed a borough rival, George Wright, 130, in six. In fours, Billy Williams, 160¾, East Side, halted Jerry Fallo, 155¾, Fordham, in the second; Eddie Ocasio, 152½, West Side, did likewise to Mike Gallo, 154½, New Haven, and Len Holton, 147, St. Louis, whipped Eddie Brown, 146½, Brooklyn.

Celebrating his American debut, Eddie Dumazel, 124½, recent arrival from Wales, found Robert Fuentes, 130, Mexico, a soft touch at the Jamaica Arena, and belted him out in the third. Joe Lucas, 124½, drew with Charley Titone, 123½, Ridgewood, in the semi-final eight while another eight produced a decision for Ray Jackson, 146½, Harlem, over Ernie Dennis, 140½, also of Harlem. In fours, Angel Ayala, 129, Jamaica, outfought Jerry Griffin, 131, Brooklyn, and Guillermo Roberts, 124½, Puerto Rico, defeated Lou Lang, 129½, Harlem.

All heavyweights supported the Louis-Walcott bout in the Garden. In the semi-final six, Bill Weinberg, 212, West Side, won over Austin Johnson, 200¼, Atlantic City, in a dull affair. The rival camps of the topliners were represented in another six when Gene Jones, 204, Camden, a Walcott sparmate, flattened Bob Gardner, 186½, Louisville, a Louis hired hand, in the first. Perk Daniels, 210, Chicago, decisioned Jimmy Bell, 190½, Washington, in an unexciting six. In fours, Dick Hagley, 195, Maplewood, N. J., outscuffled James Schera, 192½, Yonkers; Fred Ramsey, 185½, Chelsea, Mass., stopped Tommy Altieri, 191¼, Meriden, Conn., in the first and Benny Rusk, 195¼, Pasadena, Tex., stiffened Bob Miller, 185½, Albany, N. Y., in the second.

Showing at the Ridgewood Grove for the sixth time in two months, Fidel Arciniega, 194½, Spain, was held to a draw by the veteran Jimmy (Shamus) O'Brien, 184½, Yonkers, in eight. In sixes, Dick Wagner, 171½, Seattle, defeated Freddie McManus, 177, Jersey City; Jesse Jenkins, 159½, Monticello, whipped Art Robinson, 165, Pittsburgh; Johnny Marino, 135, East New York, outpointed Kenny Raines, 133, Paterson, and Billy Simmons, 135, Jackson Heights, stopped Stanley (Red) Tischler, 132, Rockaway, in the first. Bobby Brown, 155, Brooklyn, whipped Johnny Zilka, 154, West Side, in four.

Something of a rarity in New York main events, a draw, was voted at the close of a rugged eight between James Carter, 133, Bronx, and Al Pennino, 133, Brooklyn, at the Park Arena. Carter appeared to have had a clear margin. Though handicapped by a cut over his left eye, the Bronxite was the aggressor, and scored the cleaner and more effective punches. In sixes, Lou Langley, 122½, West Side, decisioned Nat Terranova, 127¼, Bronx, and Jerry Heminger, 160, Tiffin, Ohio, routed James Taylor, 155½, Boston. Knockouts wound up all the scheduled fours, Julius Leonard, 167, Fordham, stopping Ricardo Radaelli, 162, Argentina, in the second; Bernie Harper, 146¾, Bronx, halting Ossie Cooper, 144½, Pittsburgh, in the third, and Bobby Rosado, 138, Puerto Rico, chilling Dave Peters, 141, Bronx, in the second.

Stepping in as a last-minute substitute for the ailing Vic Flores, Nat Harden, 139¾, Harlem, tossed something of a shock into his opponent and the fans by holding Tony LaBua, 134½, Ozone Park, to a draw in eight at Jamaica Arena. Though jarred several times, Harden cleverly fought his way out of trouble. In the semi-final, Tony Ferrera, 129¼, Brooklyn, had Paul O'Hara, 136½, Long Island City, so badly cut over his left eye that Referee Jack Watson refused to permit O'Hara to come up for the fifth.

Paddy DeMarco, 138, that rough and tumble kid from the Brooklyn Navy Yard district, had Joey Carkido, 137½, Youngstown, in such tough shape at the St. Nick Arena that Referee Eddie Joseph halted the affair after Carkido had been floored for eight in the seventh. Solly Cantor, 133½, Paterson, outpunched Pete Ferrente, 135, Brooklyn, in the semi-final eight. Laurie Buxton, 146, England, stopped Andy DePaul, 147½, Cliffside Park, N. J., in the first. Tito Valles, 128½, East Side, beat Joe Gamby, 124½, Brooklyn, in six. In fours, Sol. Levitt, 146½, East Side, outpointed Willie Smith, 141½, Norfolk, and Willie Astwood, 149½, Harlem, halted Tommy Gargano, 147½, Brooklyn, the latter failing to come up for the fourth.

The new Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn played to another packed house for the return ten between Gene Gosney, 203, Oklahoma, and Harry Berntsen, 206½, Bay Ridge Norwegian. Gosney carried entirely too many guns for Berntsen, and had no trouble repeating his previous win. Sid Haber, 144½, Brownsville, copped a disputed verdict over Mario Centi, 142, Kearny, N. J., in the semi-final eight. Mike Santonino, 155¾, Corona, had a rough time until he finally disposed of King David, 161, Bronx, in the fifth. In fours, Jose Malaves, 118¼, whipped a fellow Puerto Rican, Benny Leopez, 113¾, and Frank Balestra, 147½, Floral Park, had too much youth for old Jimmy Mickens, 147½, Washington Heights.

Fighting his third main event within two weeks, Pete Mead, 159, Grand Rapids, copped a unanimous decision over Bill Poli, 158, Italy, in a fast eight at the White Plains Civic Center. Knockouts were featured in the supporting bouts. In the semi-final, Al Victoria, 134¾, Harlem, was declared the winner when Speedy Navarro, 137, Philippines, was unable to come out for the sixth. Pete Jasmine, 125½, New Orleans, stopped Alvara Estrada, 130½, Mexico, in the second, and Mannie Torres, 135, Phoenix, Ariz., finished Ernie Kerber, 136½, Jersey City, in the third.

Making his first start in the ring since his return from Ireland, Pat O'Connor, 170, County Cork, went to a lively draw in eight with Freddy Flores, 164, Jamaica, at Sunnyside Garden. In the semi-final six, Ray Edwards, 127, East Side, outpointed Lou Compos, 130½, Harlem. In another six, Johnny Johnikin, 132¼, Harlem, had the better of Eddie White, 126, Jamaica. In fours, Hy Melzer, 136, East Side, whipped Jose Maya, 137½, Brooklyn; Oscar Lewis, 136, Newark, won over Sixto Lostado, 132½, Mexico, and Tony Moreno, 146, Washington Heights, kayoed Sal Galiente, 145, Springfield, Mass., in the first.

The Brooklyn Arena, rapidly becoming the "House of Upsets", uncovered another one when the heavily-favored Georgie Small, 166, Brooklyn, was beaten by Joe Governale, 165¼, in a rough eight. Meyer Siegel, 163½, Williamsburg, registered a technical kayo over Joe Bennett, 157, Bronx, when the latter was not permitted to come up for the sixth because of a severe laceration over his left eye. Al Hersch, 137½, East Side, decisioned Art Robinson, 156½, Pittsburgh, in eight. Len Durham, 140½, Williamsburg, drew with Donald Murray, 137½, New Rochelle, in six, and Lew Perez, 159½, Puerto Rico, stopped Bill Glovine, 159½, Newark, in the first.

Only the generosity of Judge Harold Barnes, who credited the loser with two rounds, deprived Ike Williams, 139¾, world lightweight champion, of a perfect score in his Garden clash with Tony Pellone, 145¼, Greenwich Village. Referee Frank Fullam and the other judge, Joe Agnello, voted all ten rounds for Williams, and the combined count of the three officials read 28 to 2 for the Trentonian.

Only a knockout was lacking to make Ike's victory complete. He did everything to Pellone but flatten him. The early rounds were close, Tony's clutching, mauling tactics apparently bothering Williams, but as the bout progressed Ike revealed too much speed and too versatile an attack for the stocky Greenwich Villager. During the last half of the affair Pellone was on the receiving end of a terrific lacing, and it was only his ruggedness and courage that carried him through. His face was a crimson smear at the finish. The attendance was 12,089 and the receipts $55,114.

In a sizzling semi-final eight, Roman Alvarez, 142, West Side, repeated his previous Garden win over Dorsey Lay, 142, Philadelphia. In sixes, Nick Mistovich, 144, Youngstown, whipped Sid Haber, 145, Brooklyn, and Freddie Menna, 148, Jamaica, outpunched Paddy Young, 144, Greenwich Village. In fours, Joey Scarlato, 127, Harlem, edged out Jimmy Hegeman, 131, Brooklyn, and Hy Melzer, 145, East Side, decisioned Tony Bardoni, 145½, Wilkes-Barre.

FISTIC NEWS IN EDMONTON AND CALGARY, CAN.

By WALT MARLOW

TOMMY DESCHAMBEAULT, Calgary welter, making his first appearance in over six months, gave away a ten-pound pull in the weights to rugged Roy Wouters of Montreal, and proceeded to pound out a clean cut eight-round decision verdict in Calgary's Victoria Pavilion. Deschambeault weighed 146, Wouters 156. Promoted by Ernie Farr, the card was staged December 3, and was the first loss suffered by Wouters in eight pro starts.

In the six-round semi, Wilf Dejardins, 144, Winnipeg, gave Jimmy Nolan, 144, Calgary, the rock-a-bye treatment at the opening bell. In less than two minutes, Dejardins was the winner via the T.K.O. route. Nolan had been on the canvas three times when the referee intervened.

Preliminary events saw Kenny Angevine, 137, Calgary, score closely over Billy Green, 137, Calgary; Doug Harper, 159, Calgary, copped the duke from Buddy Fisher, 155, Regina, and in the four-round opener, Cliff McClary, 130, Calgary, decisioned Wayne Anderson, 130, Calgary.

Calgary—Buddy Loftus, outstanding Calgary featherweight, scored handily over Cedric Flournoy, Detroit, in the feature ten at Victoria Pavilion. Loftus tipped the scales at 127, Flournoy, 129.

A unanimous winner in the opinion of the judges, the victory enabled him to gain an immediate shot at Al Slater, Canadian featherweight champion.

In the semi-final six, Roy Wouters, 156, Montreal, gained his second straight triumph over Hal Kilgour, 157, Calgary. Wouters was the winner in every round.

The four-round special saw Jimmy Nolan, popular Irish welter of Calgary, score a second round K.O. over Hec Fillion, Cornwall, Ont.

Preliminary "fours" saw Dave Boyer, Calgary, draw with Johnny Eager, Turner Valley; Harry Pullar, Calgary, won a close one from Paul Bouchard, Montreal, in a light-heavy contest; and in the opener, George Klements and Danny Brooks, both of Calgary, wound up even.

Red Deer—Wilf Dejardins, popular Winnipeg welter, moved back into welterweight contention with a sensational ninth round K.O. triumph over Bobby Daly, a Burma boxing master, now residing in Calgary. Outboxed for eight rounds, Dejardins finally caught up to Daly with a series of left hooks that were too much for the Calgarian to contend with.

The six-round semi-final saw Billy Green, 137, Calgary, win handily over Dixie Walker, 137, Vancouver. Walker was a T.K.O. victim in the fourth.

A special-event "four" produced a T.K.O. triumph for Kenny Angevine, Calgary, over Sunny Frizzell, Ponoka, in the fourth.

In the preliminary events, Jerry Goings, Ponoka, decisioned Johnny Samuel, Red Deer; Les Bunch, Red Deer, scored over Max Leason, Calgary; George Hart, Red Deer, was a winner over Bill Visney, Red Deer; Nick Nucal, Red Deer, decisioned Ernie Trulson, Red Deer; Syd Smith, Red Deer, copped the duke from Art Hart, Red Deer; and Joey Martin, Red Deer, triumphed over Roger Kee, Red Deer, in the opener.

Ringside Chatter—Edmonton will see no professional fistic activity until late in the spring. . . . Viking, a good fight town, saw its third post-war presentation in mid-December.

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FIGHTIN' WORDS FROM TOLEDO

By ED HACKLEY

PAT THURKETTLE, Abe Gearge, and Les Stimmel, formed a new club that gave Toledo its only boxing show for November. It was staged as a sort of grand opening, with expenses so heavy that the promoters could not possibly break even, but it satisfied a packed house, and left everyone highly enthuiastic about the future of boxing here.

Ossie Harris, the pleasing trial horse from Pittsburgh, clashed with Eddie O'Neil from Detroit in the top of three tens, and left the fans gasping for breath after one of the best mills seen here in years. Harris lost a close verdict.

In the second ten, Perry Mason finally got his long awaited chance at a ten in his home town, and soundly trounced Mike Sopko. Sopko absorbed a world of punishment. He was no match for the rugged Toledoan.

In the third ten, Joe Barone made a hit, though his fight with Petey Bolos failed to excite the fans. The stumpy Pittsburgher outclassed his Detroit rival all the way to pound out a one-sided victory.

In the prelims, both sixes, Toledo's Bobby Burns out-roughed Jimmy Guy from Detroit, and Larry Moreland erased any doubts fans may have had about a previous victory over southpaw Eddie Brandt of Dayton.

In out-of-town bouts, Ace Miller made it two straight over Willie Russell for the state lightweight title in a Cincinnati program sponsored by Harry Hartman.

Larry Moreland lost to Jay Watkins of Flint in a four in that city. Gene Nix kicked the dope bucket out the window when he stopped Tarzan Roy, a former main eventer, in Detroit. It was the first pro fight for Nix.

Any information about local fights and fighters will be answered by the writer if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed. Write to 71 Brand Whitlock, Toledo 2, Ohio. The writer is building a new stable of boxers.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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But there is belief that the New York body has kept the Rock on the sidelines in New York long enough.

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THE pugilistic aroma in New York boxing is such that it will require plenty of official action by the New York Commission to clear the air. The gambling element with its filthy manipulations, has become increasingly daring.

The searchlight has been turned on the sport twice within the year by District Attorney Hogan and at least half a dozen times by Commissioner Eagan, yet nothing has been done except to toss the book at Rocky Graziano, whose crime was insignificant compared to what has been going on.

I hold no brief for Rocky. In fact I was 100 percent with Col. Eagan in his suspension of the fighter, but little did I dream that this could be a life suspension. Others who were guilty of crimes against boxing in the past, received no more than a six months' suspension at most, and that is all Rocky deserved for his failure to know a rule which appears in a book which was not even available to him.

Let's be fair in the Graziano case. He paid the penalty for his youthful folly and should be permitted to work at his trade without further molestation. There are hundreds of other AWOL boys who, after serving their time, have become useful citizens.

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IF THE New York Commission and other such bodies around the country are really in earnest about eliminating the riff-raff, the crooks and gamblers, they should all adopt the fingerprint system of the F.B.I. They should check with that organization on all fighters, managers, seconds and promoters, likewise on all referees, judges and boxing commission aides and through that system eliminate all those with shady records.

Those who have police records and have proved through their behavior after their confinement that they had turned "straight", should not be further penalized.

Many men licensed by our New York Commission and in other states, not only have police records, but are even now identified with those engaged in the numbers rackets. If our commissions with their huge help cannot ferret out these unsavory characters from boxing, then there must be something radically wrong with the staff they carry on the State payroll.

As Joe Williams, Executive Sports Editor of the Scripps-Howard papers so aptly said in an editorial in the New York *World-Telegram* following the investigation of the LaMotta-Fox fight in New York:

"It is not pleasant to find yourself taking a cynical view of investigative agencies. On the contrary, it would be much more reassuring to hope and believe that great good might come of them. But that's not the way it's been working out. Therefore, there is more cause for pessimism than optimism in this instance.

"Just the same something ought to be done. For one thing, politics ought to be divorced from our sports commission. As I have repeatedly pointed out, Col. Eagan is the only member of the commission in New York who knows boxing, but he is more an idealist than realist. His affection for the ring is such that he is a hard man to convince that the LaMotta bout was not authentic.

"If Governor Dewey has any interest in the welfare of sports in this state, here is one practical reform he can introduce. Let the chairman of the Boxing Commission appoint his own men, two knowing fight men as his associates. The commission could then cover more ground and do a better job. As it is now, Col. Eagan can expect no substantial help, no expert advice from Messrs. Powell and Swears, who were appointed largely because they can swing Republican votes. Put someone in who knows the racket and the racket guys, not politicians."

The investigations in New York of Rocky Graziano, Ray Robinson and now LaMotta, have boxing hanging on the ropes. Something radical must be done by the various commissions, not only the New York body, to protect the sport more thoroughly or boxing will be throttled ere long.

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THE first cleanup job in boxing took place a few weeks ago when Frank Fawcett, chairman of the Wisconsin State Athletic Commission, revoked the licenses of Joe Azarella and Harry Kahn. Azarella, who has held a manager's license since 1940, has had ten convictions as a patron of gambling houses and Kahn has had six. They have reputations as gamblers and in the revocation of the licenses, Chairman Fawcett remarked:

"These men are gamblers and we shouldn't take any chances on men who come from the gambling rooms to the ring to act as managers or seconds. There shouldn't be the slightest suspicion of any man licensed by this commission and we shall see that there is no reason for suspecting any alliance between gamblers and handlers of boxing in this state."

The investigation that resulted in the above action, was started when Colon Chaney's manager informed the commission the previous week that a stranger had approached the Indianapolis heavyweight and informed him "something would happen" to Chaney if he did not lose to Lee Oma of Detroit in their fight that night in Milwaukee. Fawcett assured Chaney that he need have no fear but that if the fight was shady or in any way suspicious, Chaney would receive no part of his purse.

Chaney outpointed Oma and according to the A.P., won every round.

Our heartiest congratulations to Chairman Fawcett. The guts that he showed is what should be displayed by other commissioners. The house cleaning has started in several parts of the country. Let's hope it spreads so that boxing may be carried on in the same manner as is baseball, a clean sport.

RING MAGAZINE DISCOVERED WALCOTT

THE RING'S heartiest congratulations to Walcott for furnishing the year's biggest surprise in boxing. THE RING was the first to rate Jersey Joe as a contender. For six months this publication ranked him high among the challengers before any recognition was given to him by the National Boxing Association or any of the leading promoters.

It was THE RING that forced the issue which caused Col. Eddie Eagan of the New York State Athletic Commission to summon Joe Louis' managers and Sol Strauss and insist that the fight between Louis and Walcott must be for the title at fifteen rounds instead of an exhibition of ten rounds.

It was THE RING that brought Joe Walcott's name before the public and now THE RING bestows on Jersey Joe the honor of a medal for an outstanding performance in 1947.

Handwriting on Wall for Louis

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and three times he jarred the title holder with powerful rights to the forehead. Twice Louis sent Walcott back on his heels with stiff straight lefts to the face, but there was something missing in the champ's technique for he couldn't get across the clean shots of old as his elusive challenger, following the system made famous by Lee Oma, kept stabbing and sticking his left to the face and often swung around from orthodox style to the southpaw stance to land a sneak punch and retreat. It was a bewildered Louis that walked to his corner and shook his head in disgust.

Louis improved in the third, in which he repeatedly jabbed. But in the fourth the crowd got its greatest thrill when Walcott again downed the titleholder with a solid right after a short mixup. The champ took a count of seven.

The crowd was in an uproar at the spectacle of the champion on hands and knees. When Louis got up he held the challenger until Referee Ruby Goldstein, who did excellent work as third man in the ring, ordered the men to break.

It was one of the few times in Louis' career as champ that he went into a clinch instead of his opponent doing the holding. Walcott didn't press his advantage after the break. He feared the outcome and was content to outbox his man instead of challenging him to fight it out after Louis quickly shook off the effects of the blow that had dropped him.

The champ was wild but Walcott lost what chance he had for a kayo by being cautious for the rest of the round. It was Jersey Joe's best round of the fight.

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THERE was little excitement in the following sessions up to the ninth. Here and there the men mixed it but most of the time there was a dullness caused by one minute or more of inactivity in each round while Jersey Joe was keeping out of the danger zone and the champ was following him around the ring.

Walcott let his hands hang low as does Lee Oma in all his battles. He bobbed from side to side, swung from orthodox to southpaw stance and reverse and remained a moving target as long as he could avoid contact with the champ. Though older than Louis, Walcott amazed the gathering by being able to keep up this sort of

thing for fifteen rounds without his legs bothering him.

As round after round kept slipping away and it became obvious that the crowd was with Walcott, the underdog, and that Louis was losing ground, Mannie Seaman, his chief of staff, kept pleading with him to do something. "Get out and punch more often," admonished Mannie. In the ninth, Louis did just that and almost succeeded in accomplishing what the fans had expected him to do.

The champion caught up with his foe in that round. For a spell Walcott couldn't romp around as fast as he did in the other rounds and Louis set sail for him. Several jabs sent Walcott back on his heels. A right to the jaw jarred Walcott. A left opened a small cut under his left eye. A right crashed him against the ropes and then the champ saw red and went after the kill. The crowd was for Louis this time and the yells and screams to finish Walcott rent the air.

Walcott was pinned in a corner and Louis let go rights and lefts to head, face and jaw that was a reminder of the real Brown Bomber. But Walcott finally got free and fought back. He crashed short-arm blows to Louis' head to break the offensive, but the champ wouldn't back away. He kept tossing the punches, winging away with short rights, one of which grazed Jersey Joe's chin and almost toppled him. A left to the body stung the challenger, but he wouldn't go down. Both were cheered when the gong ended this furious attempt of Louis to make up for lost time. It was his best round.

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IN THE eleventh the champion again uncorked a powerful left that almost floored Walcott. It landed with effectiveness on the jaw and was one of the hardest punches of the fight, yet it couldn't down the challenger. Toward the end of that session Walcott stunned his opponent with a hard left to the head.

In the next round Jersey Joe received a warning from Referee Goldstein for a back-hand right to the face. Shortly after that, Louis started an offensive that was met by a counter-attack by Walcott.

In the thirteenth Jersey Joe outboxed Louis for about a minute and a half, after which the champ got busy. A straight left jab that carried force behind it put Jersey Joe back on his heels, and as Walcott attempted to come back at Louis, his wild swing caused him to slip to the floor. He was up quickly and took a right and left to the head, after which Walcott got across a ripping left to the champ's head.

In the final two rounds Louis pressed his foe relentlessly. Had Walcott fought in those frames as he did in the early part of the bout he would have gained the championship without a doubt. But he adhered meticulously to the plan of battle outlined by his board of strategy to keep out of Louis' range.

His seconds told him he had the bout clinched and that he should take no chances. "Keep away from him. Move around the ring," they warned as he started out for the fourteenth and again for the fifteenth, and this false strategy cost Walcott the fight.

A man cannot win a title by refusing to fight. It is up to the challenger, not the champion to challenge. That's the old-fashioned ring theory and it still holds good.

More daring, more initiative, would have won the title for Walcott and given to the ring a Cinderella story more dramatic than that written by Jim Braddock when he took the title from Max Baer. But Walcott blew his chance—the opportunity which comes to one boxer in a hundred thousand.

Pride and Gold Delay Retirement

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What's more, he was in there forcing the fight all the way down to the wire. There are some, even, who say his aggressiveness earned him the verdict, and that Walcott couldn't have been the winner because he danced and ran, and who ever heard of a fighter winning a championship running away? Even THE RING Editor felt that way about the decision.

Well, offhand, you might say Gene Tunney has heard of one. That wasn't any forward march, double time, he was doing after he got off the floor from the long count in Chicago in '27. And don't overlook the fact that Jersey Joe had Louis down twice, had his left eye closed up like an oyster in its shell at bedtime and had his lips puffed like hot biscuits at breakfast.

All of which hurt Louis' pride in his title tremendously. Hurt him so much, in fact, that he climbed out of the ring before the decision was announced. Hurt him enough so that when he was asked whether Walcott was the second-rate fighter he'd figured on, he replied:

"He wasn't the second rater. I was."

And finally, it hurt the Bomber so much that he insisted that his managers, John Roxborough and Marshall Miles announce almost immediately that (a) he'd given up his plans to retire for now and (b) he wanted a return bout with Jersey Joe more than he's ever wanted anything. More even than he wanted fried chicken when he was trying the "C" rations for size in the Aleutians.

Aside from that, there's the prospect that this return bout will draw $2,000,000, or within shouting distance of that fancy figure. Joe's end, including movies, radio and television, should be in the neighborhood of $750,000.

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JOE makes no secret of the fact that when it comes to needing ready cash, he'll be up near the head of the line somewhere. The word around Bash Boulevard is that he owes the 20th Century Sporting Club not far from $100,000. 'Tis said Sol Strauss, who handles the policy and purse of the 20th Century now, agreed to settle this by taking 25 percent of Joe's purse in the December Walcott fight, and a bigger bite from his end of the return match.

Sol says he has the contracts for the return match safe in the vault. However, Felix Bocchicchio, Camden, N. J., promoter and the fellow who brought Jersey Joe off the relief rolls and out of retirement for another whirl at the gentle art of mashing noses, maintains he has the exclusive rights to Jersey Joe's services. What's more, he says he's going to shop around and try to put it on himself—possibly in Atlantic City or Philadelphia.

The chances are, of course, it'll be held right up in Yankee Stadium, come June, but the way things are going, there'll be some fun a-popping while it lasts. Especially, since Joe and his chief manager, John Roxborough, have a bone to pick with Sol Strauss—and have been picking it.

One of their "beefs" is that Sol didn't keep his word about supplying tickets to fill their requests for the Walcott fight. There have been other things that haven't set too well with them here lately, too. And one member of Louis' fistic family has said flatly that from now on, the only way they'll do business with Sol is in writing.

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THIS is a long leap from the day when Mike Jacobs and Joe were the twin kings of the beak-busting business. Then, it was a handshake—and that was money-in-the-bank for both of them. You could go to sleep on it.

Just how Joe feels he'll do in the second bout with Walcott, he practically announced himself, less than half-an-hour after Forbes and Monroe put on their white whiskers and red underwear and filled up his stocking December 5.

"If history repeats," Joe offered, "I should do pretty good. I usually do the second time around with another fellow."

He wasn't kidding either. Sure, Joe is nettled by unusual styles. Always has been. Bob Pastor's bicycle act; Arturo Godoy's nose-in-the-rosin routine; Max Schmeling's shift to the side and overhand right; Tommy Farr's practically sidewise stance, and Billy Conn's in-out-sidestep offensive all befuddled Joe, even when he was the greatest of fighters.

But in his second go-round with each—each that is except Farr, because he never got another crack at the Welshman—he was a whole lot better than his own par. As a matter of fact, the three men, besides Farr, who have gone the distance with him since he first came swinging up the trail to prominence in 1935, all went quietly to sleep the next time out. This is the list:

Natie Brown — outpointed, 10 rounds, 1935; knocked out, 4 rounds, 1937.

Bob Pastor—outpointed, 10 rounds, 1937; knocked out, 11 rounds, 1939.

Arturo Godoy—outpointed, 15 rounds, 1940; knocked out, 8 rounds, 1940.

And don't overlook these choice victims, either:

Lee Ramage—knocked out in 8 rounds, 1934; knocked out in 2 rounds, 1935.

Buddy Baer—disqualified in 7 rounds, 1941; knocked out in 1 round, 1942.

Max Schmeling—knocked Louis out in 12 rounds, 1936; knocked out by Louis, 1 round, 1938.

Billy Conn—knocked out in 13 rounds, 1941; knocked out in 8 rounds, 1946.

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ASIDE from the fact that the December taffy-pull produced a super-colossal, in the way of a punch production, for next summer, it also, in all likelihood kissed Eddie Eagan's point system goodbye. Yep, that was Eddie's invention, even though it looked as if it could have been one of Walt Disney's fantasies if it tried a little harder.

The fight men have been few and far between who either were able to figure out what it was all about, or to whom it meant anything but added confusion in a sport that should be run as simply as possible.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND

By RAY COFFIN

AS New England gets ready for a busy 1948 fistic season, many new faces will replace the veterans who have held the fore in the past two years and fight followers will be chanting the names of newcomers such as Dom Saia and Tommy Collins, Boston featherweights, "Irish" Billy Nellis, Tony Genovese, Don Williams and Bobby Mack in the welter division, Joe Rindone in the middleweight class, hard-punching Eddy Ross in the light-heavyweight bracket, and Fred Ramsey in the heavyweight department. These mittmen will be the talk of the new year. . . . Athol, Mass., a good small-town club under Charley McAdams, will reopen about the first of the year. . . . It was one of New England's leading small clubs last year.

Boston—Building an early lead and protecting it throughout, Walter Hafer, 205, Washington, D. C., collected a split, ten-round decision over Boston heavyweight Johnny Shkor, 215, at the Boston Arena. Shkor suffered a cut eye in the fourth round and Hafer banged at the target for the remainder of the fight. In preliminaries: George Cote, 123, Lawrence, and Allie Weber, 126, Pawtucket, R. I., fought a six-round draw; Frank Catoia, 210, Providence, battled to a six-round stalemate with Fred Ramsey, 191, Cambridge, Mass.; Freddie Pratt, 170, Providence, and Rocky Mello, 170, Pawtucket, R. I., drew in four, and Billy Sutton, 133, Providence, outpointed Joey Bolduc, 128, Cambridge, Mass., four.

Lewiston, Me.—Charlie Dotson, 155½, Boston, scored a seven round TKO victory over Clyde Jenkins, 156, Boston, in the feature bout at the City Hall. Phil Roderique, 156, Lewiston, gained the win over Billy Lancaster, 157, Portland, Me., in the six-round semi-final.

Salem—In a triple eight round windup at the North Street Arena, Steve Kronis, 134, Boston, and Pat Shannon, 134, Everett, Mass., ended all even after eight rounds of slugging; Bobby Welch, 141, Boston, edged out Kenny Isaacs, 138, Lynn, and Fernando Trindade, 153, Lisbon, Portugal, outpointed Jimmy Pettie, 157, Woburn, Mass.

Portland, Me.—Hermie Freeman, 140, of Bangor, one of the leading fighters at his weight in New England, outpointed Vince Callahan, 140, Boston, in a rugged ten round go at the Exposition Building before a large crowd. It was promoted by Chick Hayes.

Fall River—Filling in at the last minute when Pat Murray failed to show, Lee Britto, 141, Providence, gained a split, ten round decision over Gene LeBlanc, 142, Fall River, at the Casino. Britto piled up most of his points with a stiff left jab. Bobby Burton, 153, Providence, edged Ceferino Bronco, 152, Fall River, in six. Tony Ferry, 127, Fall River, decisioned Mal Evans, 130, Providence, in another six rounder, and Nel Girard, 125, New Bedford, outpointed Jesse Ferrera, 118½, Fall River, in four. The opening four went to Ed Berry, 124, Brockton, Mass., over Art Cronin, 128, Manchester, N. H.

Waterville, Me.—Jackie Fisher, 206, veteran local heavyweight, turned the tables on Tony Ouellette, 195, Brunswick, Me., the Maine heavy king, by scoring a three-round KO victory. Ken Murray, 138, Oakland, Me., outboxed Eddie Hudson, 138, Bath, Me., in six.

Bangor, Me.—In twin ten rounders for the benefit of the Maine fire victims, Sal Cesario, Boston middleweight, and Isaac Thomas, Bangor Indian, came through with victories. Cesario, 154, defeated Joe Girard, 154, Worcester, and Thomas, 126, upset Lloyd Hudson, 126, Bath, Me. Bobby Demers, 131, Brockton, Mass., outpointed Ray Dulmaine, 126, Worcester, in the eight round semi-final bout.

Worcester—Forcing the battle from the start and cleverly evading his foe's punches, Charley Early, 150, Boston, stopped Lee Black, 149, New York, in the six-rounder at Mechanics Building. Black suffered a broken rib in the fifth round and could not come out for the sixth round bell. The six round semi-final between "Irish" Billy Nellis of Montreal and "Irish" Bobby Mack of Keene, N. H., stole the show. Mack was awarded the duke after six rounds of slugging. Nellis, a hard hitting body puncher, almost scored a KO in the third round, but the bell saved Mack. Mack used a good left jab to advantage in scoring the win, his 14th in a row. Mack weighed 157, Nellis, 150. Jackie Parker, 132, Worcester, stopped Joe Palaza, 129, Boston, in five of a slated sixer. In the opener, Eddy Ross, 172, Montreal, floored veteran Alec Rebark, 174, Pawtucket, R. I., no less than nine times before gaining a three round TKO triumph.

Rumford, Me.—Improving Dom Sinibaldi, 147, Berlin, N. H., halted Nate Brown, 147, Albany, N. Y., in the seventh round of a scheduled ten round windup. Sinibaldi had the edge all the way. Elwie Gallant, 144, Rumford, beat Jimmy Lynch, 142, Worcester, in the semi-final of six rounds.

Boston—After being outboxed for the first four rounds, Dennis "Pat" Brady, 133, Hartford, Conn., rallied with a savage two-fisted attack in the following rounds to grab a split, ten round decision over Jackie Weber, 134, of Pawtucket, R. I., the New England lightweight champion, at the Boston Garden. It gives Brady a record of beating the featherweight and lightweight kings of N. E. on successive outings. Hubert Gagnier, 126, Montreal, scored his second successive Boston victory with a five-round knockout triumph over Kenny Haines, 127, Paterson, N. J., in the semi-final. Mike Duffy, 140, Boston, knocked out Billy Sutton, 135½, Providence, in two rounds, Red Perkins, 142, Lynn, Mass., won a close decision over Jimmy Vincent, 140, Lowell, Mass., in four, Sammy Moscow, 151, Providence, stopped Dick Callahan, 152, Boston, in the fourth, and Tony Riccio, 135, Boston, rallied to nip Danny Butler, 134, Hartford, Conn., in six rounds to complete the undercard.

Lewiston, Me.—Former Maine lightweight champion Leo LeBlond, 137, Lisbon, Me., outpointed Corky Davis, 139, Worcester, Mass., in the top eight rounder at City Hall. In a co-eight, "Tiger" Flowers, 147, Worcester, upset Dom Sinibaldi, 145, Berlin, N. H., in a fast bout.

Rockland, Me.—Phil Roderique, 148, Lewiston, Me., outfought Whitey O'Dell, 153, Portland, Me., in eight heats.

Salem—Dave Andrews, 146, Lowell, Mass., punched too hard for Joe Pyle, 146, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and knocked out the Canadian champion in the third round at the North Street Arena. Lou Bell, 130, also from Lowell, halted Frankie Martin, 126, Plymouth, Mass., in four.

Fall River—One of the biggest upsets of the season was recorded at the Casino when the veteran Jack "Spider" Armstrong, 133½, Toronto, Can., was defeated in ten fast rounds by Al Smith, 129, of Boston, in the feature attraction. The verdict was booed loudly as most ringsiders gave Armstrong the edge in seven of the ten rounds. Dick Callahan, 150, Boston, got the duke over Jose Contreas, 149, Fall River, in the semi-final six.

Worcester—Held to a split decision victory in their first meeting, Bobby Zollo, Providence welterweight, who is undefeated in Worcester rings, gave Shamus McCray, Hartford Negro, a thorough pasting to win an easy ten round decision at the Auditorium. McCray was floored six times during the one-sided contest. Zollo weighed 146, McCray, 145, Billy Kearns, 150, Wethersfield, Conn., outpointed Mike Saad, 149, Manchester, N. H., in the eight round semi-final in a dull bout. Jackie Parker, 132, and Barry Wood, 129, both Worcester battlers, fought a draw in a six rounder.

Burlington, Vt.—Unable to stop the bleeding from a cut inside his mouth cost Johnny Coe, 145, Boston, a six round TKO defeat to Ruby Margolin, 145, Montreal, at the Auditorium. Margolin had a slight lead up until the referee stopped the bout.

Worcester—Charley Williams, 149, Newark, N. J., remained undefeated in the Mechanics Hall ring after sharp-shooting his way to a clear cut ten round win over Charley Early, 150, Boston, before a wild-cheering audience. The semi-final six went to "Tiger" Flowers, 149, Worcester, by a split margin over the popular "Irish" Billy Nellis, 151, Montreal. Nellis was the aggressor and landed with more punches, but Flowers gained his points by clever counter-punching. Eddy Ross, 173, Montreal, flattened Curtis Clemmons, 177, Boston, in two, for another knockout triumph, and George Cote, 122, Lawrence, TKO'ed Billy Shea, 125, Boston, in the third.

Augusta, Me.—Leo O'Leary, 150, Montreal Irishman, stopped Leo Mayo, 154, Augusta, in the first round to make an impressive debut in New England rings.

Boston—Fighting as fast a pace as lightweights, Harry Berntsen, 200, Norwegian champion from New York, and "Irish" Jimmy Lake, 190, Montreal, went to a ten round draw in the main bout of the Dempsey A. A. at Mechanics Building. Downed in the first and ninth rounds from vicious right hand punches, Lake arose and fought back to give Berntsen all he could handle. It looked like the edge could have gone to the blond Norwegian. The undercard was almost marred with a fatality when "Babe" Martin, 140, Worcester, was knocked out in the first round by newcomer Billy Farmer, 137, Boston. Martin struck his head on the mat and it took several minutes before he came to. After being examined by the Commission doctor he was sent to a hospital for observation. Martin was given a life suspension by the Commission following the bout. Bobby Mack, 158, Keene, N. H., stopped Bobby Martin, 149, Boston, in two and Jay Perry, 130, Keene, N. H., KO'ed Kid Caruso, 126, Boston, in three.

Boston—Ripper Ralph Zannelli, 147½, Providence, continued to hold the New England middleweight championship after whipping Al "Red" Priest, 158½, Cambridge, Mass., in eight of the 12 rounds at the Boston Garden. Even though the official decision was split, Zannelli won as easily as he did when winning the diadem in Providence two months ago. The show attracted 7,121 fans with a gross of $20,704. Billy Murray, 138, Boston, won a close one over Vince Callahan, 140, Boston, six; Mal Evans, 126, Providence, rallied to nip Steve Kronis, 129, Boston, six; Timothy King, 135, Quincy, Mass., knocked out Leon Jackson, 135, Dorchester, Mass., in one, and Roy Andrews, 135, Lowell, Mass., ended on even terms with Nick Stato, 132, Springfield, Mass., in the eight round semi-final.

Lewiston, Me.—Despite scoring two knockdowns, Phil Roderique, 150, Lewiston, had to be content with a ten round draw with Al Michaud, 149, Lisbon, Me., at the City Hall.

Salem—Italian heavyweight Duilio Spagnola, 190, Milan, Italy, was given a soft touch in Lonnie Clark, 218, Philadelphia, and scored an easy three round KO victory at the North Street Arena. Clark stayed down after going to the floor for the third time in the fatal session. Red Perkins, 140, Lynn, Mass., and Frankie Hamilton, 140, Beverly, Mass., boxed a six round draw in the semi-final.

Barre, Vt.—Baby-face Ruby Margolin, 150, Montreal, who has become a favorite in Vermont rings, stopped Phil Roderique, 155, Lewiston, Me., in the tenth and final round in the feature at the Barre Auditorium. Jimmy Dinardo, 146½, Berlin, N. H., was given a three round win over Buster Beaupre, 147, Burlington, Vt., when the State welter champ was disqualified for foul tactics.

Fall River—Eddie Moniz, 145, Fall River, and Lee Britto, 141, Providence, a couple of young welterweights, featured the ten round windup at the Casino with Moniz romping off with the verdict. Bobby Conway, 159, Manchester, N. H., knocked out Dick Callahan, 157, Boston, in the first of a scheduled six.

Worcester—Tying his opponent up on the inside and countering with telling one-two punches, "Tiger" Flowers, 150, Worcester, outpointed "Irish" Billy Nellis, 151, Montreal, in the feature eight rounder at Mechanics Hall. Nellis forced the issue, but could not connect with his wide left hooks enough times. In the co-eight, Jackie Parker, 132, Worcester, outroughed Joey Nadeau, 134, Somersworth, N. H. It was a wild, rough bout from the start with Nadeau hitting the floor four times during the bout. Frankie Jayne, 123, Watertown, Mass., had too much class for Joe Palaza, 127, Boston, in six. Eddy Ross, 175, Montreal, notched a three round KO win over elusive Al Henley, 177, Boston, in a scheduled six. Ross ended the fight with a terrific right cross to the jaw and it took more than five minutes to bring Henley around.

Portland, Me.—Hermie Freeman, 139, Bangor, Me., gained considerable prestige by holding the highly-touted Richard "Young" Polite, 139, New Orleans, La., to a ten round draw at the Exposition Building. Freeman dropped Polite twice in the second round for counts of three and two.

Rockland, Me. — Marcel LaChapelle, 126, Montreal's clever little boxer, outpointed the veteran Blond Tiger, 128, Lowell, Mass., in eight fast rounds. Bob Cummings, 158, Augusta, Me., knocked out Leo Graham, 156, Lowell, Mass., in five.

Boston—Putting on as fine a boxing display as has been seen in Boston in quite a while, Joey Angelo, 137, Providence, R. I., won easily in ten rounds over Dennis "Pat" Brady, 131, Hartford, Conn., in the feature at the Boston Garden. Angelo completely outclassed Brady, flicking a left hand in his face all night as he practically captured nine out of the ten rounds. Tommy Collins, 123, Boston, outpointed New England Bantamweight Champion Earl Roys, 119, Bristol, Conn., in ten rounds in what was to have been a title engagement. The fact that Collins came in six pounds over the limit forced the Commission to change the bout to ten instead of 12 rounds. It was a good fight all the way with Collins landing more punches to take the verdict from the counter-punching Roys. "Spider" Armstrong, 129, Boston, had too much experience for southpaw Hubert Gagnier, 125, Montreal, and stopped his ever-trying opponent in the eighth. Gagnier was dropped three times in the first session and never recovered after that. It seemed that Armstrong could hit Gagnier with his right hand at will. An opening ten rounder saw Billy Kearns, 145, Hartford, Conn., decision Richard "Young" Polite, 139, New Orleans, La., in a dull bout.

Lewiston, Me.—"Young" Junior, 132, Springfield, Mass., outpointed Leo LeBlond, 134, Lisbon, Me., in ten rounds at the City Hall. Junior had too much boxing ability for the rugged LeBlond. Vic Haler, 121, Springfield, Mass., gained the duke over Lou Bell, 124, Manchester, N. H., in six.

Boxers and managers, attention! Those desiring work in New England contact Ray Coffin, Room 628, 6 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By DON HAMILL

NEARLY half of the month had passed before we had any action in the state. New Haven and Hartford got off with two shows apiece while New Britain came through with one. Only New Haven managed to make any money. Both of the Hartford shows and the lone New Britain offering were witnessed by small crowds. Highlight of the month was the return of Nathan Mann, New England heavyweight champion and one-time challenger for Joe Louis' title, to the ring. Now for the results:

New Haven Arena—Nathan Mann, 190, Hamden, won a decisive ten-round decision over Eldredge Eatman, 195, Norwalk Negro, in his return to the ring wars. Mann carried off margins in eight of the rounds with one being even, according to Referee Billy Taylor's scorecard. Eatman, who fought from the second round on with a cut near his left eye which bled profusely, nearly ended the fight in the sixth when he nailed Mann with a right to the chin. Mann was wobbly but managed to weather the storm. In the semi-final, Kenny James, 153, Waterbury Negro, had little trouble disposing of Bobby Grant, 149, Hartford Negro, in the second round. A warning by the referee after a mild first round stirred James to action. Don Fisher, 163, Shelton, doubled up from a terrific body blow delivered by Georgie Gale, 163, New York, and was counted out in the first heat. Charley Mebane, 186, Bridgeport Negro, scored an upset one-round knockout over Dick Hagley, 194, Maplewood, N. J., after scoring five knockdowns. Danny Falcone, 122, Manchester, battled to a four-round draw with Joey Costa, 126, Springfield, Mass. In the opener, Joe Formato, 144, New Haven, decisioned Joey Harley, 141, New York, in four rounds. About 4000 saw the show.

Hartford Auditorium—Charley (Cabey) Lewis, 128, New York Negro, was awarded a technical knockout over Jimmy Carter, 132, Newark, N. J., Negro, in the seventh round. Lewis fought in spurts and it wasn't too interesting a fight. Carter was in there plugging but couldn't make Lewis open up. It wasn't a bad fight to watch but only interesting in spots. Carter suffered a deep and wide gash over his left eye in the seventh round. Pat Vendrillo, 153, Manchester, won a hard-fought decision over Charley Perkins, 153, Hartford Negro, in a six-rounder. It was a good fight with the pace the boys set tiring them before the final bell. Vic Cardell, 145, Hartford, won his best bout to date when he added the name of Mario Jones, 145, Pittsburgh Negro, to his list as No. 17. Bobby Polowitzer, 130, East Hartford, had less trouble beating Gene Gomez, 127, Boston, in their rematch. The pair had fought a scorcher about a month before. Their bout was down for six heats. Jack Armstrong, 138, Manchester, won over Tommy Bazzano, 140, Middletown, who was turning pro and fighting a southpaw for the first time, in the four-round opener.

New Haven Arena—Billy Walker, 163, Saybrook, T.K.O.'ed Art Tatta, 159½, New Haven, in the fifth. Tatta had an edge in the first round as the pair put on a slugging bee. He copped the second when he scored a no-count knockdown, and was given the edge in the third. It was in the third that Tatta received the cut over his left eye which later necessitated stopping the bout. In the fourth Walker got home some telling shots to slow down Tatta and take the round. The fifth was a replica of the fourth before the referee, Billy Conway, called a halt. Walker, too, suffered a slight cut in the fourth round. Chubby Wright, 170, Reading, Pa., won over St. Paul, 171, Springfield, Mass., in the eight-round semi-final. St. Paul appeared to be rusty and off on his timing. Jimmy Rooney, 123, Bridgeport, blasted out a K.O. win over Billy Reed, 123, New York, in the third of a sixer. Dick Hagley, 194, Maplewood, N. J., stopped Sonny Graham, 186, New York, in the first of another six spot. In the opener of four rounds, Joe Formato, 145, New Haven, drew with Glen Van Dull, 140, New York.

New Britain—Stanley Arena—Shamus McCray, 145, Hartford Negro, scored a nine-round T.K.O. over Joey Peralta, 148, Tamaqua, Pa. Peralta, who suffered a cut over his left eye in the second round, took a shellacking from the better conditioned McCray. In the ninth round Peralta's right eye was opened up. An examination by the club doctor terminated the bout mid-way in the round. Johnny Clark, 161, Hartford Negro, and Clarence (Dusty) Wilkinson, 165, New York Negro, were given the "heave-ho" in the sixth round and their bout called no contest. There was lack of interest and their styles conflicted, but they did appear to be trying. Tommy Bazzano, 141, Middletown, K.O.'ed veteran southpaw Bobby Ellis, 134, Plainville, in the fifth round of a sixer. Ellis had been scoring a string of knockouts since his comeback.

Hartford Auditorium—Joey Belfiore, 136, Philadelphia, Pa., staged a late rally to earn a draw with Dino Bleta, 132, Canton, O., in the ten-round feature. Bleta was the aggressor from the start while Belfiore seemed to be content to toss a couple of hefty wallops at Bleta's kidneys as the Ohioan moved in. Bleta's protests were ignored by Referee Jim Peters. After the kidney punches had taken their toll Belfiore came down the stretch to even up the score. Once in the third and again in the fourth Bleta rocked Belfiore, but was unable to follow up his advantage. Vic Cardell, 146, Hartford, had his hands full in taking a six-round decision over Charley Perkins, 149, Hartford Negro, in what was billed as a grudge fight. Cardell was dropped in the second for no count and Perkins at the bell at the end of the fifth round. Bobby Polowitzer, 130, East Hartford, scored over Billy Banks, 134, Philadelphia, in a six-rounder. Bill Denning, 150, Bridgeport, won a heavy punching duel with Pat Vendrillo, 154, Manchester, in another six spot. Joey Costa, 125, Springfield, appeared to have had an edge, but had to be content with a draw with Danny Falcone, 119, Manchester.

Art Tatta, Ben Marino's New Haven middleweight, has been showing a lot of progress and with a little more seasoning will be ready for the best in his division. . . . Tony Falco, Middletown welterweight, has been piling up wins in Providence, where he has established himself as a big favorite. . . . Tommy Bazzano, Jim Higgins' 140-pounder, has turned pro and will be making a name for himself. He has been one of the best semi-pros in the state for the past year.

George Russo, popular Bridgeport manager, is squiring Bill Denning, 150-pounder. . . . Baby-faced Irish Jimmy Rooney, Bridgeport 120-pounder, is another boy to watch.

This writer has had the pleasure of being host to Tom Ephrem, Southern RING correspondent. It was great meeting him finally after corresponding for eight or nine years. Tom is tops as a fellow. . . . I am anxious to contact Australian correspondent, Vincent C. Davis. His address or word from him will be appreciated. . . . This writer's address is Don Hamill, 367 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, Conn. . . . So long until next month.

CLEVELAND RING NEWS
By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

TOMMY BELL decisioned Billy Cooper in the feature ten-rounder promoted by Larry Atkins and Bob Brickman at the Arena.

Bell, a welterweight, took Cooper, a middleweight, too lightly and was not in best of condition. Bell won clearly but had his hands full.

Steve Belloise was too good for Mike Pirskovich, Niles, Ohio, middleweight, and K.O.'ed him in the second.

Pat Comiskey was given a good tussle by Big Boy Brown. Comiskey's shape and punch eventually took its toll from Brown and Pat won by the K.O. route in the fifth.

Jimmy Edgar hit too hard and was too rugged for Davey Feld and K.O.'ed him in the second with a beautiful left hook.

Ritchie Shinn gained momentum as the fight progressed and eventually stopped Jose Estrada, Cuban lightweight.

The Christmas News Fund Boxing Show was successful, financially and artistically. The paid attendance was 13,384 and the gate $83,646.

In the feature bout Ezzard Charles stopped Fitzie Fitzpatrick in the fourth round. Ezzard was ahead all the way but was hurt on several occasions by Fitzie's hard punches. A sharp right cut Fitzie's left cheek bone and hindered his vision, but Fitzie kept plugging away. A right cross in the fourth dropped him for a seven count, but Referee Jackie Davis stopped the bout because Fitzie was hurt and the cut was too much of a handicap.

Steve Belloise stopped Billy Arnold in the first canto.

Jimmy Edgar had a wide edge over Chuck Hunter going into the tenth but was lucky to finish the round. Chuck was great, once he got going, and almost K.O.'ed Edgar in the last heat. Edgar got the decision, and rightfully so.

Sonny Horne lost in an upset to Irish Mickey Doyle. Doyle kept coming and earned the edge because of his persistent infighting.

Jackie Keough looked great in beating the hard-hitting Joe Kezele. Keough's left hook and infighting more than offset Kezele's well-directed and hard-hitting right.

Jimmy Varketta shaded Leo Garrett in the opener.

Over at Pittsburgh, Cleveland's light-heavy, Dick Cunningham, defeated Ollie Madison in six and in a return go stopped him in two. However, at Dover he lost a heart-breaker to Wally Unsold, local favorite. Way out in the front midway in the fifth a right cross dropped him, he arose and went great guns thereafter. With but a half-minute remaining in the eighth he was again knocked down, this knockdown resulting in his defeat. With the start of the eighth Cunningham tore after Unsold and had him close to a knockout. Unsold was cool and when Cunningham got too anxious for a kayo. Unsold uncorked a beautiful left hook which won him the decision.

Two bright stars on Cleveland's pugilistic horizon are Eddy Marotta, featherweight, and Jackie Keough, welter.

FIGHTS IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.
By LARRY JONAS

ROY CADLE continued his skein of victories at the local Madison Square Garden by romping to an easy victory over Folly Villages. Cadle, 136½, boxed the ears off his opponent, who at 145, appeared weak and listless.

In the preliminaries, Art Hardy, 166½, decisioned Billy Pappas, 170, six; Jelly McElroy, 146½, made Kid Sal Carabetta, 150, quit to him in the third; Norman Arrington, 160, defeated Slugger Harrison, 160, four; Noble Johnson, 117½, shaded Red Greer, 134½, four.

Although outweighed by five pounds, Charlie Salas continued his winning ways against Jimmy Shans, edging out the Los Angeles battler in their ten-round scrap. Salas, Arizona welter king, scaled 140½ to 145½ for Shans, a former localite. Salas's flashing left offered no respite for Jimmy and proved a determining factor in a rather dull fight.

In other events, Jelly McElroy, 145½, whipped El Tigre de Cananea, 142½. Several times during the six-round contest, McElroy staggered El Tigre but was unable to deck him for keeps, thereby canceling out a K.O. record extending over six fights in the local arena.

Charlie Bazan, 186, met his nemesis in Wendel Gallant, 178, who celebrated his first Phoenix appearance by gaining a one-sided victory in six. Henry Davis, 121½, copped the opening four, beating Bobby Taylor, 123. A second four went to Gene Lewis, 147½, who came from behind to beat Willie Bean, 146.

Charlie Salas stopped Tiger Hodge in the final canto of a ten-round contest, but the K.O. was lacklustre when it was learned that the boxing commission physician had notified the fight solons before the scrap that Hodge was the victim of an eye injury and was hardly in condition to fight. The commissioners promptly voted to ignore the doctor's warning, thereby reducing the fight game in Phoenix to its former sorry plane.

Salas scaled 147 to 157 for Hodge.

In the semi, Jelly McElroy, 145, ran his K.O. string to seven out of eight by stopping Lee Walker, 140, in the third. Joe Tambe, 124, took a one-sided decision over Noble Johnson, 115, six; Milo Leyvas, 145, beat Willie Bean, 147½, four; Preston Jefferson, 146, stopped J. D. Jackson, 137, two.

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RAMBLING AROUND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
By FRANK PENNINGTON

AT SAN JOSE—In a close, bruising, ten-round main event, scrappy Felix Ramirez came from behind with a blazing finish to win a split decision over Perk Glenn, Los Angeles featherweight. After Glenn had Ramirez down for a nine count in the second round the San Jose lad came back to forge ahead in the last few rounds and gain the verdict.

In the semi-final, Sal Perea, 150, San Francisco, easily outpointed Lou Terry, Jr., 146, Los Angeles, and in a six-round special event, clever Bobby Jones swarmed all over Jimmy Shans of Los Angeles to win going away. Both weighed 147. Welterweight Emile Barao knocked out Al Smith in the first round of a four-round opener.

At Sacramento—Phil Angieri, Oakland middleweight, surprised a good auditorium crowd with a stunning fifth round knockout over Sacramento's Pistol Paul Kaylor in the feature bout at the Memorial arena. Joe Orosco, 171, Stockton, decisioned Dutch Belden, 175, Vallejo.

At Sacramento—Howard Jones, featherweight from San Diego and undefeated in 26 pro bouts, ran into a bit of trouble when he traded pot-shots with veteran Jackie Romero, 127, in the weekly main event. The Sacramento boy even surprised himself with a fourth-round knockout over Jones.

At San Jose—Felix Ramirez suffered the first K.O. of his career when he was stopped by Lauro Salas of San Antonio in the fourth round of Promoter Dave Rosenthal's main event at the Civic Auditorium. Salas, far behind and taking a bad body beating, suddenly lashed out with a left hook to the body that paralyzed the San Jose bantam and brought a surprise ending to a very good show. Ramirez weighed in at 130, Salas, 127. Felix Bueno, 131, San Jose, looked good in beating Wayne Sheppard, 130, Oakland, in the semi and Earl Syas, 140, Sacramento, knocked out Emile Barao, 145, Hayward, in the third round of a four.

Ringside Chatter—Sailor Tom Sharkey, hitting 74 years of age and feeling fine, has established residence at William Penn Hotel, San Francisco. . . . Fred Apostoli, ex-middleweight champion of the world, has opened a beautiful restaurant at 353 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco. . . . Fred is still serious about his comeback.

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IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

DES MOINES, IA.—Riley Ellis, an optimistic gentleman and a former boxer, has entered the boxing promoters' list, with the announcement that he will stage professional boxing cards in the Des Moines Coliseum during the winter months.

Des Moines, Ia.—P. L. (Pinkie) George of Des Moines has announced through the press that he is retiring as a manager, except that he will handle the affairs of Abel Cestac, Argentine heavyweight. George said he would devote his time to the promotion of sports events—but not any boxing cards. He further stated he was releasing Billy Cornwell, Del Cockayne and Hank Ulrich from their contracts.

Denison, Ia.—A team of eight young amateurs to compete in the Sioux City Golden Gloves tournament was completed in a two day boxing program sponsored by the American Legion.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Matchmaker Lew Dochterman has a fine team of amateur boxers in the following: Bob Rossie and Lye Seydel, both of Iowa City; Chet Gralund, Don Docheterman, Dick Kanellis and Bob Baird, all of Cedar Rapids, and Tommy Gavin of Cascade.

Boxing news from the State of South Dakota has swamped our desk during the past month. Future headliners of tomorrow, perhaps champions in the making, have been showing their wares around the state. Huron, Winner and Mitchell have held some successful shows. Aberdeen, Watertown, Sioux Falls, Flandreau, and others have boxing cards scheduled for the winter months.

Mitchell, So. Dakota—Results of a recent boxing card staged here were as follows:

Welterweight Jimmy Morgan of the Flandreau Indian school decisioned Harlan Riesland, Mitchell, in the feature match of a 13-bout invitational Golden Gloves card here before a turnout of approximately 1,000 fans.

Highlighting the card was lightweight Walter Hay's second round knockout of "Doc" Kurtenback, Mitchell. This was the only K.O. of the evening. Hay, who hails from Huron, dropped his opponent after 1:30 of the second heat.

Sioux City, Iowa—E. Q. Hoberg, A.A.U. commissioner for the Sioux City District, has sounded a warning to amateur boxers that they should not compete on cards or in meets that are not officially sanctioned by the Midwest association.

Denison, Ia.—Results of a recent boxing card held here were as follows: Jim Schneider of Harlan knocked out his fellow townsman, Gaylord Book, in the second heat of a 160-pound bout to highlight the opening of a two-night Golden Gloves tournament at the high school gymnasium.

Twelve fights in six weight divisions furnished a maximum of action for a good sized crowd which cheered its favorites lustily from the opening gong to the last bell.

Norfolk, Neb.—Bob Hall and Chester Stull, co-chairmen, have announced that a boxing card sponsored by the Norfolk American Legion Post and the Norfolk *Daily News* will be staged in Norfolk this winter.

Des Moines, Ia.—Diego Hidalgo, Iowa welterweight champion, and Morton Graves, Iowa lightweight champion, have announced their retirement from the ring. The boxers said they were quitting since Pinkie George had decided to withdraw as a manager of boxers.

Our assistant Floyd Hayes of Omaha is on hand with considerable boxing news from that port. Boxing managers and boxers wishing to make a contact in Omaha, would do well to get in touch with Hayes at 2209 Vinton St., Omaha.

Council Bluffs, Iowa—Don Lee, 156, Edison, Nebraska, treated the fistic fans to an action packed main event in winning by TKO at 1:12 of the sixth round from Dick Smith, 160, Oklahoma City. Lee's previous bouts were of a different pattern than this engagement with Smith. Lee came from his corner at the opening bell, took one look at the small crowd of 1,119 that had paid $1,438 to sit in the smoke-filled ancient structure and decided that he would get it over with as soon as possible. But this boy Smith is tough and proved to be the catcher throughout. Referee Alex Fidler stepped in and called a halt to the slaughter at 1:12 of the sixth. Smith had 15 victories in 17 bouts for the year.

In the semi-windup, Orville Bitney, 153, Omaha, won a six round decision over Harold Alle, 148, St. Paul. Harold Alle was pretty confident that he could tame this young bucko, being the only fighter to knock Omaha's Vince Foster off his feet. However, Bitney evened the score for Foster by knocking Alle to the canvas in the early stages of the bout and then went on to win five of the six rounds.

In the special event that was scheduled to go six rounds, Booker Ellis, 144, St. Paul, knocked out Eugene Brown, 142, Omaha, at 1:07 of the fourth round.

In the preliminaries: Jimmy Watson, 157, Omaha, drew in four rounds with Emil Evans, 151, Lynd, Minnesota. . . . Elmer Davis, 155, Estherville, Iowa, won a four round decision over Manuel Segobia, 158, Omaha. . . . Charley Martin, 198, Kansas City, scored a technical knockout over George McGuire, 190, Des Moines, Iowa, in the third round. McGuire was unable to answer the bell for the third round due to a cut above his eye.

Lincoln, Nebraska—They staged a fight show in Lincoln, Nebraska, for the first time in many moons with Don Lee, 153, Edison, Nebraska, winning a nod over Eddie Miller, 152, Dayton, Ohio, in the ten round main event. It was the infighting that brought Lee the win, however, Miller displayed a sharp left hand.

The fans loved the semi-windup in which Orville Bitney, 153, Omaha, was awarded a technical knockout over Julio Tristan, 152, Monterey, Mexico, at 2:11 of the second round. The hard hitting Omaha puncher made a jumping bean out of Tristan, flooring him six times in the initial round and three more in the second, then Referee Bob Morley stepped in and saved Tristan from further punishment. In nine professional appearances to date, Bitney has won 8, six of which were by knockout, two by decision and drew in one bout.

Eugene Brown, 147, Omaha, scored a TKO in 2:37 of the first round over George Suttington, 146, Kansas City. (Brown is financing his way through college with his dukes.)

Floyd Perry, 146, Kansas City, decisioned Harley Floyd, 143, Omaha, in a four-rounder.

Virt Gibson, 154, Kansas City, decisioned Manuel Segobia, 153, Omaha, in four rounds.

Omaha, Nebraska—Vince Foster, 147½, Omaha, knocked out the veteran ringster, Sammy Secreet, 146, Cleveland, Ohio, in 2:38 of the seventh round in the climax to the semi-monthly boxing show staged here by Promoter Max Clayton. Secreet landed some dandy left hooks on the body of the Omaha welter but whenever he did he fielded a barrage of rights and lefts on his balding noggin.

In the seventh round Foster met Secreet in the center of the ring. A short right and a left hook buckled the knees of Secreet then another left flush on the jaw and then another hard right that almost tore the Clevelander's head off dropped him to the deck. Secreet tried to get to his feet several times but dropped back to the canvas as Referee Alex Fidler tolled off the ten count. It was the twelfth knockout win for Vince Foster in his twenty pro fights to date. Foster is sporting a record of 18 wins, 1 loss by decision and 1 draw.

Omaha fight fans were a little disappointed with the scheduled six round semi-windup. It only lasted 50 seconds. Pat McCafferty, 174, Topeka, Kansas, knocked out Santos Quintera, 167, Puerto Rico.

Joey Hartfield, 162½, Omaha, started a comeback after a layoff of several months and took a six round decision over Little Joe Louis, 156, Washington, D. C. (Little Joe Louis is now being handled by Champ Thomas and is fighting out of Denver.) . . . Corky Gonzales, 124½, Denver, decisioned Joe Romano, 127, Topeka, in the best of the four round prelims. It was Gonzales all the way. This Romano is tough and showed courage in staying the route. . . . Dick Bighley, 146, St. Paul, Minn., decisioned Dick Weinhold, 142, Denver, in four rounds. . . . Red Barton, 156, Bartlesville, Okla., drew in four with Jimmy Watson, 162, Omaha.

Last Minute Sparks—Owing to so much news this month we regret we are forced to cut our question box along with considerable other news that our space would not permit us to carry. . . . Alex Fuchs, Stanton, Neb., a former Northeast Nebraska Golden Gloves heavyweight champion, will hold boxing classes four nights a week at the American Legion hall in Norfolk, Neb., . . . Dave Natvig, Waterloo wrestling coach, was elected president of the State Wrestling Coaches association. . . . John Pesek, Ravenna, Nebraska, who doubles in wrestling and racing greyhounds, made a trip to Australia recently for a double purpose. He did a little wrestling down under and bought the best greyhound in Australia. Pesek brought the greyhound back to the mainland with him by plane.

Joe Hartfield, Omaha middleweight, who is making a comeback after several months absence from the ring, was paired with Bert Ellis, of Kansas City, in the semi-windup on a card at Topeka, Kansas. Ellis won a split decision in eight rounds. . . . Remember our address is 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Iowa, and news must be in our hands by the 6th of each month. . . . Jimmie Guest, Houston, Texas, boxing promoter, has a new address, 301 Stewart Bldg., 403 Fannin St., Houston. . . . Proof that boxing and wrestling is paying off in the state of Nebraska, is given in recent figures released by State Auditor Ray Johnson:

Boxing Commissioner Charley Moon collected $15,435.55 during the year. He conducted his office so efficiently the department was able to kick in two grand to the general fund and five grand to the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

Of the more than 15 G's collected by the state, $11,260.55 was in admissions tax and $3,815 in license fees.

The license money was divided as follows:

Clubs, $1,475; boxers, $715; wrestlers, $395; matchmakers, $90; managers, $350; physicians, $185; referees, $265; seconds, $210; timekeepers, $130.

WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

TOMMY "RED" WELLS' victory over Leo Mucucci, ex-Berlin, N. H., featherweight, now fighting out of Portland, Maine, was the month's outstanding battle which was held at Manchester's Recreation Center. Wells, a local boy, handed Mucucci a shellacking. The K.O. win came in the tenth round. Slightly more than 800 fans attended Joe Baker's four-bout presentation. Wells weighed 131½ to Mucucci's 136.

In the semi-final bout, Felix Thomas, 120, another Manchester product, at 120, won a unanimous decision over Paul Herrick, 119½, of Portland, Maine, in six. The two other six-round prelims saw Mike Saad, 159, of Manchester, K.O. Billy Graham, 157, of Portland, Maine, in the first round, and Bobby Conway, 159, Manchester, won a unanimous verdict over Frank Ross, 162, of Portland.

At another Recreation Center fistic presentation Florient Desmarais, ex-New England lightweight titleholder, fought to a draw in ten rounds with the Blond Tiger (Paul Frechette) of Lowell, Mass. A crowd of 500 fans attended.

In the top prelim Larry Villeneuve, 158, of Berlin, N. H., K.O.'ed Bobby Conway, 158, of Manchester, N. H., in the fourth.

Young aspiring amateurs will vie for honors in the annual shows presented in this region. At Manchester, N. H., the *Union-Leader* of that city is sponsoring a Golden Gloves tournament and several Berlin, N. H., simon-pures are entered in the Lewiston, Maine, Lions Club's tourney.

After winning several bouts, Dom Sinibaldi, Berlin-Cascade welterweight, dropped a cofeatured eight-rounder against Young Tiger Flowers of Worcester, Mass. The split decision was not a popular one for Flowers, who ran for the eight rounds, just jabbing away, missing half the time. In the curtain-raiser of four rounds on that same program, Gordon Labbe of Berlin, 144, was stopped by Jimmy Millar, 141, Lewiston, when a cut eye resulted in the bout being halted in the first round.

A group of Berliners from the Granite State (New Hampshire) invaded the State of Maine capital, Augusta, and made good showings. Jimmy Dinardo, 152, Berlin, N. H., lost a six-round decision to Al Marquis, 150, Brunswick, Maine, and in the four-round prelims Tony Junior of Berlin won by K.O. in the first round over Dave Small, 140, of Augusta, Me. Young Leo Taylor, 116, Berlin, was T.K.O.'ed in the first by Flash Vigue, 118, Waterville, Me.

At Rockland, Maine, Art Cronin of Manchester, N. H., a 128-pounder, lost a close four-round decision to Slasher Porter, 126, of Rockland.

Something worth mentioning is Jimmy Dinardo's victory at Barre, Vermont, over the welterweight state champion, Buster Beaupre. Although Dinardo won on a foul in the third round, he was winning up to that time.

Arriving from Florida to campaign from Berlin, New Hampshire, was Jerry Lavigne, ex-bantamweight ruler of Canada. His services may be obtained through the writer. Lavigne has fought and defeated Eddy Berry and Ray Dulmaine at the Recreation Center of Manchester, N. H., last year in co-featured eight-rounders. Other bouts Jerry Lavigne has had in New England were against such boys as: The Blond Tiger, Leo Mucucci, Young Junior, Tony Bellavance and several others.

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DUTCH WEST INDIES RING NEWS

By JIMMY LAMBERT

PROMOTER GEORGE ROMBLEY once again turned up with a stellar boxing card "on paper", at the Swingsters Square Garden, though the much publicized main and semi-final bouts did not live up to expectations.

In the main event, Rafael Lastre, 135, of Cuba, tangled with Baby Garcia, 133, featherweight and lightweight champion of Colombia. The bout was just another sparring bout for the boys according to your reporter and most of the fans. After Referee Ed Miller warned the boys in the second round, they tried harder but it still was a very dismal affair.

Lastre landed most of the blows and received the decision at the end of ten rounds.

The semi-final presented Young Bassin, 152, of Martinique, and Dan Calcagno, 150, of Puerto Rico, in another highly rated bout. However, Calcagno was in very poor condition with the result that he was battered for two and a half rounds before Young Bassin put the finishing touch to him in 1:36 of the third round.

In the preliminaries, Young Nedd, 154, of British Guiana, used Kid Armstrong, 151, of Grenada, for a punching bag for five rounds before knocking him out in 1:30 of the sixth.

Lefty George, 123, St. Eustatius, proved too fast with his hands and footwork and easily copped the decision over Smiling Joe, 120, of St. Martin.

In the opener, Kid Papacito, 136, of Aruba, took advantage of an early lead gained in the first three rounds and though badly shaken in the last round, received the decision over more experienced Baby Atomic Bomber, 135, of St. Martin, in a four rounder.

CONTINENTAL EUROPEAN RATINGS FOR 1947

By CHARLIE PARISH

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NEWS FROM THE CENTURY A. C. OF BALTIMORE

By DAVE KESSLER

THE CENTURY A.C. brought to Baltimore one of the finest fights seen around in years, a bout which would have been welcomed anywhere in the country. The two principals in the ten round main event were the highly rated heavyweight, Jimmy Bivins, 184, and the sensational light-heavy, Archie Moore, 174. In 1945 Bivins K.O.'ed Moore in the sixth after he fouled Archie by hitting him while he was on one knee. Moore was waiting for this return fight to gain revenge and sweet revenge it was as he scored a TKO over Bivins in ten seconds of the ninth round.

The first and second rounds were even as both boys began to feel each other out.

In the third round, Moore began to unload his Sunday punches and dropped Bivins for a four count with a smashing right cross.

Moore took the next round by a wide margin as he boxed and stabbed Bivins with a beautiful left hand.

In the sixth round Moore was fouled as Bivins stuck his thumb in Archie's left eye. Moore unable to see dropped to one knee, but the referee, Eddie Leonard, who unfortunately did not see the foul, warned Moore to get up and continue or he would lose the fight. Moore rose and covered up as Bivins moved in and pounded him to the head for the remaining thirty seconds of the round.

In the seventh round Moore came out fighting mad and he pounded Bivins from post to post with smashing rights and lefts. Bivins sat on the ropes and as Referee Leonard reached the count of six, Bivins arose and Moore moved in to continue the onslaught. In the eighth round Moore began where he left off in the seventh. Archie knocked Bivins half out of the ring and the referee pulled Moore away and began to count. Bivins pulled himself back and Moore moved in and landed a terrific right to the jaw. Bivins refused to answer the bell for the ninth and Moore was awarded the fight by a TKO.

In the six round semi-windup Maurice Nelson defeated Tony Longo by a majority decision. Nelson 130, Longo 127.

In fours, Jimmy Zaiko decisioned Jimmy Ricco. Jasper Jacobs defeated Buddy Gurland.

Two supposedly washed up heavyweights, Lee Q. Murray and Curtis Sheppard, staged a slugfest! They slugged away at each other for twelve rounds at the Crescent A.C., in which Lee Q. got the better of the mauling. It was Murray in the first five rounds as he battered Sheppard from post to post. Then Sheppard threw that famous hatchet punch of his and it caught Murray flush on the chin. Murray hit the canvas with a thud and many fans as well as myself thought the big fellow would never beat the count. Lee Q., however, managed to rise and protect himself for the remainder of the round. From then on it was all Murray. He had Sheppard on the verge of a knockout in the tenth, eleventh, twelfth. Murray weighed 210 and Sheppard 196.

The Century A.C. brought to Baltimore two crack welterweights in Bee Wright, 147, and Kid Gavilan, 143, of Cuba. It was a fine bout as Kid Gavilan TKO'ed Wright in two minutes of the tenth round. Wright's superior boxing won the first, second and third rounds. Then Gavilan began to warm up and won the middle rounds by his harder punching and more aggressiveness. Wright again took the lead in the eighth and ninth. After the tenth had barely started Gavilan landed a smashing overhand right which caught Wright on the chin and dumped him for a five count. After Wright arose, Referee Leonard stopped the mill.

AKRON, OHIO, BOXING NOTES

By TOMMY MAXWELL

JOHNNY HANNISON and Bob Heath promoted two shows the past month. In the first offering they had two eight round headliners in which Joey DeJohn, Buffalo, New York, middleweight, got a disputed decision over Paul Darby of Detroit and Bobby Dare won over Grady Welch, light-heavies. In the feature, DeJohn met a gamester in Darby, a relentless fighter who is all action. It was a case of Darby landing often and DeJohn landing the harder punches. The Darby-DeJohn bout was a honey all the way. Bobby Dare gave Grady Welch a pasting for the whole eight rounds, simply because Welch was in no condition to go eight. He was dog tired and took a shellacking throughout the entire eight rounds. In the prelims, Bob Gladman, Akron, and Bobby Reed, of Detroit, boxed a great draw; Vic Kondik stopped Bob Scott, of Detroit, in two rounds, and Lou Berry, local welter, surprised with a fine win over tough Joey Kezele. This was a real upset and Berry is coming along fast.

In the second card of the month, Bobby Berry and Jim Heyden stole the show with a slam-bang battle with Berry carrying off a well-earned decision. Despite his loss, Heyden put up a great scrap.

In another eight, Bob Gladman and Bobby Reed tangled for the third time and this bout was the best of all their meetings and was very close, two judges calling it a draw and the referee giving the edge to Reed.

In the prelims, Joey Kezele iced Vic Kondik, Vic went down from a perfect right, came out for the fourth but was still groggy and Kezele finished the job. Henry "Snow" Flakes stopped Bob Finley in the opener. They are heavies.

Joe Basco and his fighters are doing OK in South Africa according to clippings but both Johnny Denson and Rudy Zadell received very bad decisions against them in their last fights. The Johannesburg papers were loud in the blast at both decisions and claimed the American kids were winners. Both boys have several bouts booked.

Over at Youngstown, O, Al Zill presented a ten round top featuring veteran Bobby Claus and Jackie Donahue. Claus making a comeback, stiffened Jackie in four heats. In the semi-final hard punching, club fighting Frankie Moran stopped Johnny Chatmon in the first round.

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CANADIAN TOPICS

By LAWSON BAMPTON

LATE November and early December were practically barren insofar as pro ring action is concerned in Montreal. Most of the action was confined to amateur shows, particularly the City Championships under Al Decarie's direction at the Nationale A.A.A. in which a major upset was scored when Mario Massaro, a comparative newcomer, deposed Cliff Blackburn as welter topdog. This was not altogether a surprise to yours truly as Massaro had shown signs of going places when he whipped Bobby Rasso while Blackburn, who should have turned pro long ago, had suffered from the same trouble as Joe Louis—lack of sufficient ring action.

Postponements and cancellations messed up what would have been a couple of good box office attractions. Illness forced Billy Arnold, socking Philadelphian, out of a scheduled Forum match with Johnny Greco, Canadian welter king, and a suitable substitute could not be secured in time. The long awaited match between Hubert Gagnier, Canadian featherweight titlist, and Irish Tommy Murray, hardhitting local lightweight, was on and off like a nightmare at the Coliseum. It may go on early in 1948.

Danny Webb, Canadian lightweight champ, had an easy tuneup at the expense of Bobby English at the Coliseum, a sharp left hook in the fourth round felling English for the count. It was Webb's first local appearance in some time and he seemed to be in good shape and form, outclassing English all the way. Without detracting from Webb's display, it must be admitted that English looked ill-conditioned and apparently had little ambition for the job on hand. It was his first and last showing here.

Irish Tommy Murray had a disastrous tuneup in the sem-final. Though winning every round he injured his left hand so badly that he still can't use it at this writing. Murray walloped his opponent, a wily, awkward ringman named Gaston Proteau, all over the ring whenever he caught up to him, which took some doing as Proteau was fast, shifty and awkwardly efficient in barricading himself against the Murray explosives. Murray pounded him on the head, elbows and arms and his hands were badly swollen after the fight.

STRAY SHOTS—A match between Tommy Murray and Lou Alter is mooted as a good Coliseum attraction if the Murray-Gagnier bout doesn't materialize . . . a benefit show, with all profits going to the Cancer Research Fund, is scheduled for the Coliseum on January 20th.

IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

HERE are the monthly boxing reports from San Francisco and the nearby vicinity. Amidst rousing cheers and boos, Fred Apostoli, popular ex-champ, had his hand raised over Georgie Abrams, highly-touted New Yorker, in a bout that was infested with low blows, rabbit punches, and screaming protests from managers and seconds. A sellout crowd filled Civic Auditorium to witness the scrap and were entertained to a donnybrook from start to finish.

The decision was split and many fans thought Fred had been given the "hometown decision." Referee Jack Downey and Judge Toby Irwin, both voted Apostoli by narrow margins, while Judge Billy Burke's card was a draw.

Fred was penalized in the fifth and sixth for punching low and though Abrams wasn't penalized, he continuously used the rabbit punch.

The only knockdown occurred in the fifth round when Abrams dropped the localite with a left hook, but Apostoli was up without a count and chased the New Yorker with rapid lefts.

Maxie Docusen, flashy New Orleans Filipino, racked up his forty-fourth consecutive victory when he stopped Ralph Lara, rugged Los Angeles Mexican, on a technical knockout in eight rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

Maxie, displaying boxing skill and effective infighting ability, belted Lara badly and forced the referee to halt the setto. Weights were Docusen 132, Lara 131.

Prelims: Charley Cato, 156, won on a T.K.O. over Charley O'Kelly, 156, in the fifth round, when the latter suffered a cut lip.

Rocky LaCross, 155, decisioned Lee Knight, 156, in four; Art Soda, 146, won over Rough-House Oliver, 142, four; Wayne Sheppard, 130, defeated Chuck Halloway, 134, in the opener. The gate: $4,789.

Flooring his opponent three times, Allen Faulkner, Buffalo Negro, won a ten-round decision over Georgie Smith, rugged Oaklander, in a free-swinging duel at the Oakland Auditorium.

Smith, a gamester, gave Allen a good fight despite the three knockdowns and had Faulkner wobbly with left hooks. Both boys suffered cut eyes. Jack Downey refereed. Weights: Faulkner 158, Smith 155½.

Leonard Marrow, 173, up-and-coming Oakland light-heavy, stopped John (Gorilla) Harding, 173, Los Angeles, in the second round of a sixer. Harding proved an easy prey for the promising Marrow.

Eddie Russey, 151, decisioned Lee Knight, 156. Bob Patterson, 164, won from Leslie (Speedy) Cannon, 159. Art Soto, 148, scored over Earl Flynn, 147, in four.

Maxie Docusen, colorful New Orleans Filipino, had to go all out to remain unbeaten and decision Billy Gibson, San Francisco Negro, in ten fast rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

Maxie copped seven of the ten cantos and scored a nine-count knockdown in the ninth, but had to be on his toes throughout to watch the dangerous Gibson.

The first five sessions were nip and tuck, with Docusen's solid body blows earning him an edge.

Maxie, besides being a dandy boxer, proved he could take a punch by absorbing numerous rights to the button. The hard-hitting local boy was given a round of applause and cheers for his good efforts following the scrap. Docusen scaled 131, Gibson 134. Gross receipts were $5,381.88.

In the semi-finals, Benny Walker, 138, Oakland, scored a decision over Al Guidry, 138, New Orleans veteran, in six hotly contested rounds. Walker copped five rounds, but found Guidry a tough customer.

Art Soda, 145, copped a lively four-rounder from Earl Flynn, 144, in the top prelim bout of the evening.

Al Smith, 136, decisioned Chuck Holloway, 136, in four. Joe Barrett, 168, and Jess Brooks, 178, fought a draw in the curtain raiser.

The *Examiner*-sponsored annual "Golden Gloves" were staged at Civic Auditorium during the past month, with 24 champions being crowned. For the first time three divisions were entered, instead of the usual two, because of the many entrants. The following amateurs copped the titles.

(Senior Class)

112 lbs.—Bobby Geer, Hunter Point AC, S.F.
118 lbs.—Jack Mitchell, Yosemite Club—C. Lewis, Oakland.
126 lbs.—Eddie Chavez, San Jose Walker Club.
135 lbs.—Johnny Gonsalves, L.A. Young AA, Oakland.
147 lbs.—Junius Washington, Yosemite Club—C. Lewis, Oakland.
160 lbs.—Esua Ferdinand, Royal AC, San Francisco.
175 lbs.—Sam Jordon, Norman Smiley AC, San Francisco.
Heavyweights—Grant Butcher, Olympic Club, San Francisco.

(Junior Division)

112 lbs.—Gilbert Sanchez, Hanford AC.
118 lbs.—Eddie Savala, Butts AC, Modesto.
126 lbs.—Roosevelt Jackson, Yosemite Club—Moore, Oakland.
135 lbs.—Nick Sarles, Frank Cano AC, San Francisco.
147 lbs.—Joseph Gilmer, Vallejo AC.
160 lbs.—Marcus Adalco, Hanford AC.
175 lbs.—Ted Morales, Mexico AC, San Francisco.
Heavyweight—Willie Dilliard, L. A. Young AA, Oakland.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By SPIKE McCARTHY

BILL COLBERT has been matchmaker for all of the promoters since 1933 and last month when his two partners, Jimmy Donohue and Emmy Garret, found other business too pressing and pulled out. Billy decided to go it alone.

Well last month found him putting on one of the best shows of his career. In the first half of the double main event, Glen Flanagan, 127, the lighter half of the fighting Flanagan brothers, won an eight round decision over Danny Martin, 126, from Detroit. Martin never had a chance with the belting Celt from St. Paul.

In the other half of the main event, Buzz Brown, 149, St. Paul, surprised even his severest admirers by holding Leon Thompson to a draw. Thompson, who had given Buzz a neat pasting on one of the shows earlier in the fall, came close to falling a KO victim in the first round as Brown caught him with one of his Sunday punches.

In the special six round event Billy Smith, 145, from The Mill City, and Booker Ellis, 144, from St. Paul, fought a slashing six round draw. This was a rematch to their sensational bout that was held in Minneapolis recently with Smith winning by a KO over the Negro boy in the fourth heat.

In another six rounder Ted Christie, 130, veteran New Yorker, ran into a sucker punch which dropped him on his haunches for a nine count. He got to his feet and his opponent, Norm Mastrian, 133, Minneapolis, was on him like a hungry jackal and half pushed and wrestled him to the floor, and while the timekeeper was tolling off the count Referee Billy McCabe stopped the bout much to the chagrin of Christie who up this point was a mile ahead. He had dropped Mastrian for nine counts in both the first and second rounds.

In the four round opener, that ever popular rough house fighter from St. Paul, Chuck Hansel, 151, lost to Irish Jimmy Cone, of Kokomo, Indiana.

At Minneapolis Auditorium, Ruben Shank, the Colorado Cowboy, came to the end of the fistic trail when he fell victim to a KO which not only put him out of the game as an active participant but was nearly the cause of his death. He was stopped by Mel Brown, a Negro middleweight, from St. Paul, in the eighth and final round. It was an ironic twist of fate that he should come to the end of the trail in the same city from which he had catapulted to fame back in April, 1942, when he sprang a stunning surprise by winning a ten round decision over Fritzie Zivic, of Pittsburgh, the ex-welterweight champion.

In the fight with Brown, Shank was dropped twice in the third round after he had won the initial frame. He was badly beaten and punished throughout the rest of the bout, and in the eighth round he was hit with a volley of powerful rights which dropped him to his knees for a nine count. He arose and Brown hit him with another powerful right which dropped him on his head, and was then counted out. He sustained a cerebral hemorrhage.

In the other half of the double main event, Glen Flanagan, the older half of St. Paul's fighting Flanagan brothers, stiffened Nick Kachardus, of Chicago, a protege of Danny Spunt, Chicago's leading fight manager, in the third round.

Del Flanagan, Glen's younger brother, defeated Dave Marsh, a slippery Negro boy from Akron, Ohio, in a six round special event.

Chief Don Eagle, a reformed wrestler now turned boxer, reverted to type when he found that his opponent, Jackie Thompson, 193, Negro of Detroit, wasn't a half bad scrapper. The Chief, a colorful character, dropped to the floor and in some manner known to members of the Wrestling Fraternity, delivered what looked to this writer like a kangaroo kick in Big Jackie's tummy, which set off a wild swinging bee with the Chief on the floor with his legs wrapped around the Negro boy's midriff and Big Jackie whaling away with both hands at the Chief's kisser. The referee, Johnny DeOtis, stopped the bout and awarded it to Thompson on a foul.

Dick Grant, 185, from Minneapolis, scored a KO over Sam Hughes, 176, from Detroit, in 2½ minutes of the first round.

Bob Finley, 181, Detroit, outpointed Sloe Eyed Fred Ford, St. Paul.

Emil Evans, he with the pleasing southpaw style from Lynd, Minnesota, put the old chilleroo on Bill Partin, of Detroit, in the first canter. These boys are welterweights.

Jackie Graves was suspended recently for 30 days by The State Boxing Commission for his conduct in the ring in his recent win over Clint Miller, Red Cochrane's Negro protege. In this bout Jackie lost all sense of judgment and went all out in his abuse for his smaller and lighter opponent, thereby not only bringing down the catcalls of the fans, but arousing the ire of the sportswriters as well, who panned him in their columns no end.

Leo (Daddy) Ryan, dean of all Twin Cities fight trainers, received the biggest surprise of his long association in the boxing game here recently, when he was informed by Mrs. Potts, the wife of the venerable Jimmy, that henceforth he and all of the other trainers would be obligated to pay the same fee charged to all of the boxers who use their gym to work out. This bit of action came as quite a surprise to Leo as it has been his custom to lend his years of wisdom to all of the young hopefuls for the past thirty-five years, and now all of a sudden having to pay for this privilege, came as quite a shock to his sensitive nature.

Henry Schaft, former Minneapolis leading welterweight contender and Marine Corps hero, is now the owner of a tire shop in The Mill City.

Floyd Hagen, St. Paul's one time lightweight hope, recently became the father of an eight pound bouncing baby boy, whom he immediately christened Patrick Michael.

Pete Rentaria, former Mexican amateur heavyweight boxer before the war, recently was appointed to the police force here in St. Paul. Good luck, Pete.

Johnny O'Donnell, former St. Paul lightweight contender, who boxed men like Ace Hudkins, Ray Miller and most of the rest of those good ones during the twenties, is now following the peaceful pursuit of fa court bailiff here in St. Paul. Johnny has been with the sheriff's office since January, 1935.

There is a young kid in St. Paul that wise boxing men have dubbed already at the tender age of 15, "The Wonder Kid." His name is Matt Morelli. He really looks good and if he is handled right he should go a long way in the beak busting business.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By BUS BURKE

CHILLING CHARLEY RILEY, the St. Louis punching featherweight contender, made it three wins in a row over Baltimore's Jimmy McAllister on Promoter Hans Bernstein's November 24th Auditorium card. The latest Riley win was over the twelve round route with Riley finishing as strong as the Rock of Gilbraltar. Riley dropped McAllister in the fourth round for a nine count, but the cagey Baltimore lad really put it in reverse and managed to last out the round and managed to hang around for the remaining eight rounds but was not a dire threat at any time after the knockdown. Riley looked sharp in this bout, as in the two previous meetings. Riley couldn't catch up with the Eastern boy. The lone knockdown which came in the fourth round, was the only one in thirty-two rounds of boxing in which these two boys saw action against each other.

Riley dropped $500.00 at the weigh-in when he failed to make the stipulated weight of 128 pounds, give or take a pound. Both contestants were to weigh in at 128 pounds. McAllister came in at 128 and Riley tipped the beam at 130½. Judge Harry Kessler voted 62 to 58 for Riley. Judge Gene Farrell saw Riley 62 to 58 and Referee Dick Young counted it 63 to 57 for Riley.

Complete results were—Charley Riley, 130½, St. Louis, outpointed Jimmy McAllister, 128, Baltimore, in twelve rounds. Dick Young, referee. Jim Bull, 157½, St. Louis, knocked out Milton Jones, 157, St. Louis, in the second round of a bout scheduled for six rounds. Bob Ingham, referee.

Mickey Savage, 142, St. Louis, decisioned Paulie Davis, 139½, St. Louis, in six. Jimmy Parker, referee. Lou Moeckel, 139, St. Louis, stopped Mel Hood, 140½, Wichita, in the third. Jimmy Parker, referee. Jesse Turner, 140, St. Louis, knocked out Claude Sullard, 139, Wichita, in the third. Ingham, referee. Attendance 4,680. Receipts $10,193.90. Judges, Harry Kessler and Gene Farrell.

Promoter Hans Bernstein's December 15th promotion will be a benefit with a portion of the profits going to the Damon Runyon Memorial Cancer Fund. The top spot will bring together Miguel Acevedo and Charley Riley. It should be a good one with Riley rated second and Acevedo rated fourth. More on this one next month.

Right Crosses — Marshall (Red) Wells, the likable kid from Bonne Terre, Mo., who as an amateur thrilled many ringsiders, died November 28th as the result of an automobile accident while on a hunting trip. St. Louis fans will remember the red-headed kid who fought and defeated Andy Kegler of S.B.A.C. in a prelim spot on the International card several years ago. It was the fight of the show. To the family, THE RING and the writer extend their sincere sympathies. . . . Jim Bull, the St. Louis middleweight, is rapidly rounding out into main event timber. His fast finish of Milton Jones showed definitely that he is ready for fast company. . . . Oklahoma City amateurs pounded out a five to one win over a picked group of St. Louis amateurs on a Lion's Club promotion at Keil Auditorium, Dec. 3rd. There were no knockouts on the card but in the special heavyweight feature, Bill Bangert, outpointed Johnnie Stathopulos, with Stathopulos being on the deck five times.

Send all news of interest to readers of this column to Bus Burke, 601 St. Louis St., DeSoto, Mo. I would still like to receive autographed photos of fighters.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By MICKEY DAVIES

BOXING in this sector was going very well until recently, when two very poorly matched contests knocked the game for a loop. First at Wheeling. Joey Maxim, Cleveland's ranking heavyweight, and Clarence Jones, Buffalo, put up a poor bout with Maxim scoring a KO in the fifth round.

In Huntington a few weeks later, the Radio Center Club of that city broke the news via the radio and sport sheets that they had secured the services of Ezzard Charles, the nation's No. 1 light-heavy. This was great stuff until the club matchmaker disclosed the name of Charles' opponent. Guess who? Yes! That's right—Clarence Jones. Need we go farther? It was boom! boom! boom! in the initial frame and Mr. Jones was through for the evening.

Actually you can't blame Jones entirely. Who then, the commission? The promoters? Whoever is responsible certainly made a mess of things believe you me.

Jesse (Topper) Underwood, local lightweight sensation, made two trips to Louisville during the past month to engage Gene Spencer of Chicago. Both contests were real pier sixers and both ended even-Steven. The Louisville papers gave Underwood both fights.

Promoters desiring top-flight ring talent should contact Mickey Davies-Buck Collins at the address below. The following are available. Johnny Protan, 118; Ralph Rogers, 124; Eddie Martin, 130; Jesse Underwood, 130-32; Sterling Willey, 136.

Willard Coffey, 142; Billy Jackson, 152; Paul Holbrook, 168; Jimmy Neale, heavy; Mose Brown, heavy.

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IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN

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A SMALL crowd at Riverview Rink saw Jerome Frazier, 153, New York, win a well-earned verdict over Sylvester Perkins, 156, Chicago, in the top half of a double ten-round windup. In the other half, Doll Rafferty, carrying too much weight for his own good, got a questionable nod over Micky Savage, 139, Detroit, in ten rounds. Rafferty weighed 143. The Frazier-Perkins scrap was the best on the card with Frazier having Perkins on queer street in the fifth, with Frazier duplicating the scene with Frazier catching in the eighth. The tenth was even, with both boys putting on a show for the verdict.

Three Milwaukee boys won the four-round prelims. Emil Wagner, 155, belted out Bobby Smith, 149, Chicago, in 1:45 of the first. Bob Ranes, 157½, got Eddie Green, 155¼, Detroit, in 2:50 of the second. Tommy Varsas, 157, K.O.'ed Dave Green, 155½, Chicago, in 35 seconds of the second round.

Oshkosh, Wis., boxing fans paid $1300 to see a good fight put on by the Oshkosh Sportsman's Club at the high school gym, with Tom Dalton, 140, Chicago, taking an eight-round decision over Nunzio Ferrera, 140, Milwaukee. It was a left-handed duel with Dalton the sharper, also scoring potent rights to the body.

Stan Reitzner, 153, Appleton, beat Al Jackson, 148, Chicago, six rounds; Doug Van Huff, 140, Oshkosh, won over Russell Turner, 143, Chicago, in six; Dick Dalton, 140, Chicago, drew with Alex Collie, 135, Gary, four; Barney Bernier, 161, Oshkosh, knocked out Harry Jones, 158, Green Bay, in two.

Jimmy Sherrer, nine pounds lighter than Jackie Darthard, 157½, Kansas City, gave the crowd a big thrill at the Auditorium when he floored Darthard with two crashing rights to the button in the first round. Jackie weathered the storm and went to work on Sherrer to give him one of the worst drubbings he has received here, to give Jackie the ten-round verdict with Sherrer always trying.

Other bouts on the card: Jackie Keough, 153½, Cleveland, managed by his dad, and a former national amateur welterweight champion, defeated Emil Wagner, 153, Milwaukee, in a hot six. Properly handled, both of these lads should go places. Micky McMillan, 154, Milwaukee, lost a split decision to Joe Joy, 150½, Beloit, in six; Bill Pike, 201, Louisville, received a fractured nose while ahead in the third round and dropped a close six-round decision to Charley Riggs, 186½, Milwaukee. Long John Hubbard, 191, Milwaukee, K.O.'ed Bull Beckton, 217, Louisville, in 1:30 of the first.

Mickey Gregory O'Neill, 42, who came to Milwaukee from Tulsa, Okla., about 20 years ago to study journalism at Marquette University, but took up professional boxing instead, died at Muirdale Sanatorium. O'Neill retired in 1933 with 75 bouts in his record. Some of the nationally-known fighters he met with credit to his profession were Barney Ross, King Tut, Joey Medill and Spud Meyers.

Phil Zwick, 42, known as the Kaukauna Globe Trotter, won a court decision over the boxing commission. The boxing commission barred him from fighting because he was over 38. The judge ruled the law stated boxers could not box professionally until they attained the age of 18. If they wanted a limit on older fighters they would have set a limit.

UTAH-IDAHO-MONTANA-WYOMING

By CARL E. HAYDEN

KEITH NUTTALL, 128, Brigham City, Utah, blacked out Bobby Molino, 126½, Mexico City, in round five of the headline bout on Promoter Jim Downing's Salt Lake City Coliseum card.

Frankie Montoya, 124, Las Vegas, N. M., scored a technical kayo over Johnny Martinez, Denver, Colo., in the third.

Results of the preliminaries were: Chick Moriarity, 153, Ogden, Utah, decisioned Sonny Kelly, 155, Portland, Ore., in six; Kinky Garcia, 128, Ogden, Utah, flattened Bert Whittaker, 124, Salt Lake, for the count in the first; Irish Dennis, 130, Ogden, decisioned Nuny Cherrick, 132, Bingham, Utah, four; Ron Matson, 142, Bingham, knocked out Clair Wade, 143, Salt Lake, first.

Buddy Washington, 130, Pocatello, Ida., a lightweight, kayoed Bobby Zullo, 134, Boston, Mass., after only 22 seconds of the first round of a headline bout on November 26 at St. Anthony, Ida.

At the sound of the bell, Washington charged out of his corner, rushed Zullo against the ropes, landed several jolting blows to the body and a left hook to the jaw. That ended the scheduled eight-round contest before fans had settled in their seats after the intermission.

John Candia, 130, Odgen, Utah, a veteran of the roped ring, decisioned David Weaver, 134, Idaho Falls, Ida., 1946 Golden Gloves champion, novice division, in the semi-final. The bout was exceptionally close throughout the six rounds.

Neal Miller, 145, St. Anthony, decisioned Joe Later, 148, Rigby, and Curley Angell, 139, St. Anthony, decisioned Jack Later, 145, Rigby.

Cleon Cardon, 170, Ashton, Ida., and Steel Edgington, 145, St. Anthony, fought a three-round exhibition.

The card was the first of a series being promoted by the St. Anthony Athletic Association, Inc. Joe Parker, deputy Idaho state athletic commissioner, attended.

FROM PHILIPPINE RINGS

By FELIPE J. C. GALANGE

JOSE "BABY" GONZALES, 126, world ranking featherweight of Mexico, made an impressive debut at the Rizal Coliseum by outpointing Star Misamis, 128, former lightweight and welterweight champion of the Philippines in the ten round headliner of Hernandez and Limgenco boxing promotion. The dusky man from Mexico showed his superiority over the local fighter and Referee Eloriaga and the two judges voted unanimously for the tough Mexican hombre.

Star Naven decisioned King Tut, former featherweight titleholder, in a four round slugfest. Enriquez, Jr., a promising featherweight, knocked out Young Benny, of Cavite, in the fourth round. A smashing left hook to the mid-section followed by a right cross to the chin downed Benny for keeps. Carlos Smith, U. S. Army Negro champion, badly outpointed Harry Campbell in another four rounder. Dommy Reyes, former flyweight champ, made a surprise comeback at the Coliseum by knocking out Joe Jomaoas in the second heat.

Referee Totoy Reyes made an unpopular decision to Poyas Boy over Rush Bulan. Terrible Polding, decisioned Jack Moro, of Cebu, in four. Baby Sabino outscored Fighting 69 in four. Baby Angeles bested Ric Navallasca in the curtain raiser.

Appearing before a fair crowd of boxing fans in Calamba, Laguna Little Nene, of Manila, knocked out Benny Villa in the third round of a scheduled ten round main event. A left to the chin followed by a right to the same target sent Villa to the canvas until he was counted out. Young Balvin decisioned L. Mercado in ten rounds. Kid Nacionalista knocked out Young Dommy in six. Clever Sosoy knocked the light out of Young Gunga Din in the second round. Anong Junior and Baby Rosenberg finished even in six heats. Kid Calimac outboxed Speedy Cruz in four.

David Kui Kong Young won the bantamweight title of the Philippines by knocking out Clever Leyte in the seventh round. The local titleholder baffled David during the first four rounds with his elastic jabbing and holding tactics. Young tried hard for an opening, but Leyte seemed too elusive to be an easy target for David's left. In the seventh round Young unleashed a terrific attack and after cornering his man, landed his murderous left to the chin. Leyte stood up without being counted out but he was on queer street. Young went after him with lefts and rights until Referee Andrew Lolli halted the fight to save the local boy from further punishment.

Little Dundee, the flyweight titleholder, was knocked out in the ninth round by Kid Independence, a bantam. Independence had all the advantage in height, weight and reach but Dundee was master of the situation until the fatal ninth. It was a good lesson to boxing managers that difference in weight had its advantages and disadvantages especially among the lighter boys. Frisco Mendiola knocked out Clever Siso in the fourth. Little Mercado won over Baby Escobar in a six round melee while PCC Boy KO'ed Star Cruz in the third round of the scheduled four rounder.

NEWS FROM CUBA

By DR. J. A. VIEITES

HERE are the professional boxing results in Cuba other than in the city of Havana:

Holguin, November 8—Jose Garcia-Alvarez, claimant of the Spanish welter diadem, gave a beautiful boxing lesson to Henry Gross, in ten rounds. Garcia-Alvarez outboxed his foe until the eighth round, but Gross came out fighting like a fool in the last rounds, but it was too late then. The Spaniard came in at 148, Gross at 141. In the semi-final Zurdo Duarte won a savage eight-rounder from Rafael (Baturrito) Palacios (flyweights).

Pinar del Rio, November 15—Gilberto Moulens, 121, scored his best victory to date, when he stopped Ramon (Neverito) Rodriguez, 119, in the first round. In another scheduled eight-rounder, Lefty Garay, 117¾, required only 25 seconds to dispose of Miguel Cairo, 115½. In the third eight-rounder, Occidental Kid, 118¼, after scoring three knockdowns, was K.O.'ed in the last round by Francisco Oliva, 118¼.

Oriente, November 15—Jose Garcia-Alvarez, the rubber man from Spain, scored a two-round K.O. over heavier and bigger Radames Salazar, 151½. Kid Brillante, scored a three-round K.O. over Guillermo Moreno, welterweights. Kid Bebo gained a close verdict in eight over Baby Gavilan, lightweights. Joe Dundee won in eight semesters from Juan Sponda, feathers, and Luis F. Fuentes was held to a six-round draw by Baby Segundo, flyweights.

Santiago, November 22—Wilfredo Mayet, 136, who is making a fine comeback, scored another impressive victory, stopping Joey Calixto in the fifth round. Until then Calixto held a slight margin, and even downed Mayet in the third. However, Mayet rallied in the fourth, and a deep gash in the left optic caused the referee to stop the fight in the fifth. Calixto came in at 135¼. A couple of weeks previously Mayet required only thirteen seconds of the first round to stop Tony Alvarez. Ciro Moracen, 123½, stopped Manolito Fernandez, 128, in the eighth.

Santiago, November 29—Wilfredo Miro, 137, stopped Wilfredo Mayet, 136, in the eighth round. In the semi-final, Ciro Moracen, 123, scored an easy win in the eighth frame over Congo Guevara, 126¾.

Facts and Rumors—In the November number of THE RING, five Cubans are honored in the rat-ratings. . . . Omelio Agramonte, tenth in the light-heavy section; Humberto Sierra, No. 1 featherweight contender, and Miguel Acevedo, No. 5 man in the same class. . . . Luis Galvani, bantamweight champion of Cuba, and of the world, if given the chance, No. 3, and Armando Puenti Pi, No. 9, also in the bantam class. . . . Gavilan Kid is Cuba's best welterweight. . . . Watch Jorge Sanchez, bantamweight who recently whipped Luis Castillo on the coast, and stopped Dave Hernandez in the seventh, as a future rated man. Also watch out for Black Pico. . . . If Sanchez gives a good account of himself against Galvani, win or lose, he will fight Armando Puenti Pi in the second star bout when Galvani opposes Tony Olivera next month. . . . Omelio Agramonte probably will challenge Yova Kid for the light-heavyweight title next year.

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DETROIT AND WINDSOR FISTIC HEADLINES

By JACK WAINA

AT THE Arena Gardens, Bob Amos, 173¼, Detroit, hooked up with Shelton Bell, 172, Dayton, for the third meeting of the pair. In this match Amos cleanly outpointed Bell, taking all ten rounds. The sleek Motor City pugilist is undefeated in 33 bouts with the only mar on the record being a ten-round draw fought at Springfield with Bell.

The highly touted Tarzan Roy, 170, Charleston, W. Va., suffered a four-frame T.K.O. at the hands of Gene Nicks, 175¼, Toledo. The bout had to be stopped because of serious cuts around the eyes of Roy.

Norm Horton, 151¼, Dayton, surprised all of the 1,382 fans who paid a gross of $2,493.56 to see the show when he held the highly respected Ted Bussey, 147¼, Detroit, to a six-round draw.

In other bouts: Walter Crocker, 150, Pontiac, outpointed Bobby Perkins, 150, Detroit, in four; Johnny Craigmiles, 147, Detroit, outfoxed Fox Brown, 142, Flint, in four; and Billy Handlin, 155, Flint, continued his success with a win over Dave Collins, 160, Detroit, in four.

Luther Burgess, 126, Detroit, scored an odd knockout victory over Japanese-born Jimmy Morioka, 125, Toronto, at 1:46 of the fifth round, on the Arena Gardens card on the 11th. After being knocked down four times, Morioka was hit with a crushing right-hand punch, putting him out of the ring. Before Morioka could climb back into the squared circle Referee Herman Spinelli counted out the former.

In the co-feature, Harold Guss, 175, St. Louis, outpointed Walter Smith, 173, Detroit, in eight rounds. Smith brought the crowd of 1,130 fans to its feet with a rally in the fifth round, which all but put Guss out of the picture.

In two six-rounders, Detroit's two foremost prospects, Lester Felton, 135, and Angie Soave, 126, won decisions over Dave Marsh, 134, Akron, and Red Grant, 125, Toledo, respectively.

In two fours Ernest Rowell, 145, Detroit, outclassed Johnny Craigmiles, 145, Detroit, and Pedro Bradley, 185, Chicago, bested John Smacks, 190, Flint.

With a crowd of 4,241 fans, who paid a gross of $8,990, on hand at the Olympia Stadium, O'Neil Bell, 154, Detroit, upset the dope cart and gained a one-sided victory over Cecil Hudson, 154, Milwaukee, conqueror of Jake LaMotta.

Bell forced the fighting all the way. A left to the body was the main asset used by the Detroiter.

Hudson received only one round on the scorecards of Judges Pete Miller and Joe Lenahan. Referee Clarence Rosen gave Hudson no rounds on his tab card.

Vern Mitchell, 193, Detroit K.O. artist, added Fred Preler, 187½, Chicago Golden Gloves champion, to his long-growing list when he chopped down Preler in four rounds of the semi-final.

Other bouts fared in the following manner: Joe Henderson, 135, Detroit, was declared winner over Al Gualtire, 139, Washington, Pa., when the latter refused to answer the bell for the fifth frame. Edgar Wells, 160, Detroit, packed too many guns for Russ Baxter, 161, Pittsburgh, in six. Tony "Kid" Manos, 150, Detroit, outpunched Doyle Hirt, 151¼, Grand Rapids, in four, and Walter Crocker, 151½, Pontiac, beat Roger Ford, 153, Detroit, in four.

Willie Dominguez's southpaw battler, Harold Jones, 138, Detroit, stacked up with the veteran New York mauler, Humberto Zavala, 137, in the stellar presentation at the Arena Gardens and Jones walked off with the duke after taking eight out of the ten rounds.

In the six-round semi-final, DeWitt Dean, 157, Detroit, outpunched Bobby Reed, 159, Detroit, in a good bout from close-in.

Other results: Ted Bussey, 149, Detroit, punched out a victory over Jimmy Lyons, 158, Dayton, in six. Jay Watkins, 136, Flint, showed great form in knocking out Eddie Brant, 139, Dayton, in one. Walter Crocker, 149½, Pontiac, decisioned Issac Kequom, 150, Milan, in four, and George Powell, 175½, Detroit, was awarded a T.K.O. over Lew "Whitey" Webbens, Dayton, when the latter received a cut eye and was unable to answer the bell for the fourth round.

Hard Luck Bobby Dawn, Ziggie White's middleweight charger, put on a whirlwind finish in a melee with Norm (Bad Boy) Butts, Windsor, only to see the verdict called a draw after eight rounds on the Windsor Arena show. Five weeks previously, at this same arena, Dawn put on a hectic scrap with Harvey Dubs only to have the latter's hand raised at the finish.

In the secondary attraction, Harry Marshall, Windsor's "Buzz Saw" lightweight, returned to action after three months' layoff only to drop a split decision to Nathan Bridges, Detroit, in eight.

The card rounded out with the following preliminaries: Bernard Humphrey edged out Bob Cherini in four; Billy Butler was awarded a T.K.O. over Dominic Berardo at 1:40 of the first round, and Ralph Meyers' bout with Danny Nolan was halted at 2:40 of the second frame with Meyers' hand being raised.

Much to the amazement of 4,511 fans, who paid a gross of $8,893.80, Holman Williams, 161, Chicago, was awarded a gift split decision over O'Neil Bell, 159, Detroit, on November 28th at the Olympia Stadium. Referee Lou Handler scored all ten-rounds for Bell. But on the other hand, judges Joe Lenahan and Pete Miller cast their ballots for Williams 52 points to 48 and 51 points to 49 respectively.

Leroy Willis, 136, reformed Detroiter, outboxed hard punching Talmadge Bussey, 136, Detroit, in another ten-rounder. If Willis carried a harder punch he might have sent his foe to dream land.

The prelims: Vern Mitchell, 191, Detroit, iced Frankie Rand, 183, Muncie, Ind., at 2:15 of the second-round; Joe Henderson, 136, Detroit, scored his fifth straight victory when he reversed a previous loss at the hands of Chester Hodges, 136, Muskegon, with a fast one-round KO at 1:45; Johnny Craigmiles, 149½, Detroit, outpunched Tony "Kid" Manos, 149, Detroit, in a crowd pleasing bout of four rounds; and Johnny "Bulldog" Camarata, 145, Detroit, dumped Jack Singer, 151¼, Chatham, Ont., at 1:40 of the third frame.

BROWSING AROUND: Roger Bernard, former featherweight mauler of these parts has opened a gymnasium in Flint . . . Popular Eddie O'Neil, who has been going great guns on the road, is being sidetracked by local promoters. . . . A match between Eddie and O'Neil Bell would be a natural and should pack 'em in. . . . Charley Wolf, chief inspector for the boxing commission for 27 years, has announced his retirement from that post. . . . Tony "Kid" Manos, promising 150 pounder, attends Wayne University. . . . Former heavyweight title holder, Primo Carnera, returned for a wrestling appearance at the Gardens. . . . Jock Leslie has changed his mind and will return to the squared circle shortly. . . . Art Tracy has two outstanding amateur fighters in Chuck Spieser, light-heavy, and Frank Polizzi, lightweight, both of whom should go over good as pros. . . . Leroy D. Warner: Nat Fleischer's book "How to Box" should help you out and it can be purchased through THE RING Book Shop. . . . This writer has climbed on the band wagon of Jay Watkins, Flint lightweight, former Michigan A.A.U. 130 pound champion . . . Promoters seeking the services of English featherweight, Danny Jeffers, should contact this writer for bookings. . . . This scribe may be reached at 8799 Homer Avenue, Detroit 9, Michigan.

BOXING IN CUBA

By MILT BARON

HAVANA, CUBA—I'm back on the job again, after a pleasant vacation, and here are the boxing results for the month in Havana:

Wilfredo Miro, outstanding Cuban lightweight, drew in ten rounds with Young Carrillo at the Sports Palace. The contest was full of thrills, and Miro at his best no doubt would have turned the tables.

Diego Sosa, who can still be considered as one of Cuba's aces in fisticuffs, received a draw decision after ten torrid rounds of combat against Orlando Zulueta, who by no means, is a lug. Zulueta can fight, and knows what to do at the proper time, and though some of the customers booed the decision, the records will always show the official draw. These lightweights should be rematched, and they would draw good. Diego really had an edge, despite Zulueta's persistent rushes and gameness.

The supporting card showed Fernando Amante and Tomas Vega, who went eight rounds to a good draw. Francisco Tosar won from Raul Hernandez and Gilbert Kessell outpointed Marcelino Quintana in a special six. In the curtain raiser, Referee Santana disqualified Berbardo Valdes for stalling against Pablo Rodriguez.

Tony Alvarez, Cuban star performer, pulled a surprise when he scored a five-round knockout over the highly-touted Spaniard, Bristonel. Alvarez floored the Spaniard three times in the second canto, and had the fray all his own way until he landed a blow in the fifth that sent Bristonel down for keeps. Weights: Alvarez, 136½; Bristonel, 136¼.

Armando Puenti Pi, in the semi-windup, scored a five-round knockout over Mario Rivero, Puenti Pi took the lead right from the start, and showered Rivero with a large variety of blows, and the loser really never had a look-in. In a special six-rounder, Cecilio Fernandez, the sensational ringster from Cienfuegos, Cuba, was an easy winner over Arquimedes Yirac. Yirac put up a good scrap, but Cecilio was too determined to win and was not denied for his meritorious work.

Luis Castillo, on the supporting card, outpointed Oscar Rodriguez in six steaming rounds, and Modesto Gonzales drew in the curtain-raiser of four rounds with Gustavo Ramos.

Julio Pedroso, Cuba's husky welterweight, put over a good win by decisively outboxing, outpunching and then scoring a knockout in the eighth round over Jose Garcia Alvarez of Spain. Garcia's handlers had the contest halted as Garcia was bleeding profusely from a severe cut over the right eye, and hadn't a chance in a million, in spite of the usual good battle he put up, but Julio Pedroso got away to a grand start and was in front all the way right to the end. Weights: Pedroso, 147½; Garcia, 147.

Orlando Zulueta in the semi-final put the skids under Rene Camacho in the eighth canto, when the bout was stopped to save Camacho from unnecessary punishment. Weights: Zulueta, 128, and Camacho, 126½.

Manuel Armenteros, 116½, looked very impressive in a six-round draw against Black Pico, 112½, former flyweight champion of Cuba. In this contest Armenteros showed that he is destined to become a topnotcher in the bantam division. In the opening number, Tony Casas knocked out Jose M. Valdes in the first round, and in the second combat of the evening Floro Hita and Alberto Lopez drew in a whale of a fight in six rounds.

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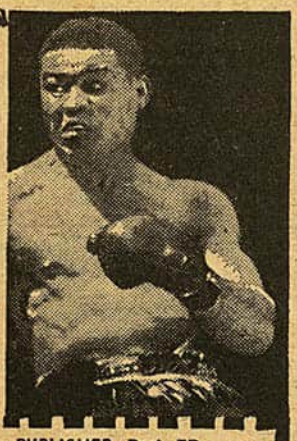

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BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

PETE MEAD knocked out Joey De John at the Hudson Club and it came as an unhappy surprise party for De John's friends and admirers. A delegation of several hundred made the trip from Joey's home town of Syracuse. De John came near tipping over Mead in the second round when he landed a smashing right to Pete's chin, but the bell rang as Mead hit the canvas and he had plenty of time to shake off the blow. From the third round on Mead handed Joey a pasting and scored six knockdowns ending the fight in the fifth stanza. De John had won 30 out of 31 contests up to the Mead disaster and had established himself as a real puncher. Whether this setback will take the confidence out of young Joey remains to be seen. I still believe De John is a great prospect.

In other bouts on the card Johnny Chatmon, 140½, won from Mike Martyk, 137, six; Vic Eisen, 117½, scored a T.K.O. over Gabriel Rios, 115, of Mexico City, four; Charlie Banks, 136½, won verdict over Johnny Montreal, 129½, six; Marty Montforte, Binghamton, 185, beat Earl Pierce, 192½, Buffalo; Pete Zaduk, 152½, of Toronto dropped a split decision to Rickey Miller, 153. A crowd of 4000 saw the bouts.

Phil Muscato beat Bob Grant, husky Negro heavyweight. In the early rounds Phil was pretty well battered, but he rallied to win the decision. Jack Singer promoted the show.

Teddy Randolph, who lost here to both Tami Mauriello and Ezzard Charles but stayed the limit with both, was also defeated by Joe Muscato. Randolph had Muscato down twice, once for a nine-count, but Joe won six rounds to Randolph's four. This match was staged by the Fairview Club with Charlie Pinto doing the matchmaking.

Shorts . . . Marty Montforte may box a main event in his home town of Binghamton soon. . . . He has been winning regularly. . . . Pete Zaduk, the Toronto lad, is a promising young middleweight.

Here and There . . . Guy Sulpi, who manages the fighting Muscato brothers, Phil and Joe, is also managing Flakes. . . . A number of new faces are expected to come out of the *Courier-Express* Golden Gloves tournament. . . . Buffalo surely needs new faces. . . . A Buffalo lad likely to make the grade is Tommy Stenhouse, Buffalo lightweight. . . . He's a Negro boy with plenty of boxing class.

Bert Finch has been appointed agent for the Russ Leighton stable of Montreal. . . . The dope is around that a new wrestling club may start here. . . . There are plenty of grapplers and a number of circuits but there are only so many customers. . . . Two clubs will never make a go of it in Buffalo.

In Short Metre . . . Jack Herman, well known wrestling promoter who recently sold out his interest in the Great Lakes A.C. here, will soon leave for California for a long vacation. . . . Tommy Moore, one of the best hustlers in the sports business, will soon be back as matchmaker at Jamestown, N. Y. . . . Wrestlers looking for work should write Hugh Shannon, 299 Maple Street, Buffalo 4, N. Y., who will be the promoter in the aforementioned cities. . . . Can Jack Singer induce Phil Muscato to tangle with Tommy Gomez again. . . . These boys put on a great fight last time out and would pack the Auditorium. . . . As a matter of fact neither of our boxing clubs will get any more big gates without a standout main event. . . . Marty Montforte, Bert Finch's young heavyweight, never misses a day in the gym. . . . Marty is certain to improve in his hitting and all around boxing. . . . Billy McCarney was in town looking up old friends, Chick Johnson, Charlie Murray, Bert Finch and the writer.

VANCOUVER NEWS
By CHESTER NORTON

A VANCOUVER street car strike held boxing up during the latter part of October and most of November. However, Gil Martin was able to stage one show during the month and managed to come out showing a little profit with Terry Gibson and Johnny Suarez of Portland as headliners.

The bout itself showed very little action, but the finishing touch was worth the price of admission. The two fighters boxed very cagily for four rounds with little difference between them. Round five began the same way until Gerry cut loose with the first hard punch of the battle, a beautiful right hook that landed flush on the jaw of Suarez who dropped to the canvas and was unable to beat the ten count. The official time was 2:15 of the fifth round.

The semi-final saw a comparative newcomer defeat an experienced fighter in a very decisive manner. Vancouver southpaw, Freddie Steele tasted defeat via the KO route in 2:10 of the third round at the hands of Joey Ortega.

George Cote produced a poor exhibition following his return from the prairies. He lost to Henry Lee, a Seattle Negro, in a six rounder.

A scheduled six round bout between Joe Velez and Cedric Flournoy lasted to the twenty-five second mark in the fourth round. Hec McDonald, the referee, was under the impression that Flournoy was stopping too many with his chin and wisely halted the fight.

Bunny Andrews, avenging a former TKO defeat at the hands of Dick Miller, handed out a scientific lacing to Miller and finally stopped him with a cut eye at 45 seconds of the third round.

Jackie Turner gained another draw with Tony Olivera during the month of November. The ten round bout was held at Portland. Jackie carried the fight to Olivera from bell to bell. Bunty Andrews was stopped by Hal Fries in round one on the same card. Turner announced his retirement from boxing.

In Seattle, Hal Robbins dropped a split decision to Hal Halloway in a six rounder. Later he confided to your correspondent that he would still appreciate a match with Danny Webb.

Phil Palmer flew to Chicago for a bout with Johnny Bratton and returned to his home town with a seven round TKO chalked up against him. This makes two losses in a row for Phil.

As Vancouver fans realize, boxing has been taking a beating here for the last year, and, now just as Gil Martin and Gordon Heggie are beginning to get the sport back on a paying basis, one member of our Vancouver Boxing Commission raised much ado about nothing following the November fight card. First of all, he was not satisfied that Cedric Flournoy was in a fit condition to fight and he also declared that he doesn't like boxing and thinks there is no place for it. This coming from a man who is supposed to be a guardian of the game, shows the calibre of our commission. If that is the attitude of one of the commissioners how about the remainder whose experience with boxing is also very limited. What we need is a new set-up. The present boxing commission has only till January to function, at which time more care should be taken in the selection of its members.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

RAMBLING AROUND. Well, here it is the end of another year, a year which saw a number of local boys in the national spotlight, led by Gus Lesnevich of Cliffside Park, world's light-heavyweight champion, whose knockouts of Billy Fox, Melio Bettina and Tami Mauriello, whom he also outpointed, make him the fighter of the year. Also highly rated are Heavyweights Pat Comiskey of Paterson and Bernie Reynolds of Cliffside Park, Middleweight Joe Blackwood of Paterson, and Welterweight Tippy Larkin, who although he has slipped, is still one of the top ringmen of today.

We also welcome five newcomers who are making their home here. They are Middleweights Laverne Roach and Hal Anspach of Millburn and Joe Curcio, formerly of Newark, along with Vic Grupico, San Francisco lightweight, who will make his home in Jersey City.

Local boys who bear watching are Fritzie Pruden, Johnny DeFazio, Teddy Di Gammio, Nick Acuri, Ernie Durando, Saul Cantor, Bill Feeney, Ernie Kerber, Mike Jacobs, Gene Sailbury, Leroy Coleman, Jimmy Milligan, and Andy DePaul. Laverne Roach stepped a long way closer to a top bout in the Garden by whipping Herbie Kronowitz.

Best prospect of the month is Bill Feeney, tough Bayonne Irish welterweight, who has won 11 of 12 professional bouts.

Results for the month at Jersey City Armory—Norman Rubio, 152, Albany, scored a big upset by stopping Lou Valles, New York, in 1:26 of the ninth round. Cowboy Joe Lucignano, 147, Hoboken, turned in his best fight, but tired in the late rounds and was outpointed by Ruby Kessler, 145, Coney Island, ten. Hal Anspach, 160, Millburn, outpunched Danny Martin, 161, Newark, in the third ten, Teddy Di Gammio, 154, North Bergen, stopped Al Rusty Fehl, 149, Bayonne, in three; Gene Sailbury, 145, North Bergen, made his pro debut by outpointing Joe Harley, 144, Brooklyn, four.

Jersey City Gardens—Johnny DeFazio, 126, Bayonne, outpointed Ken McLain, 128, Bronx, six; Johnny Derby, 140, Paterson, was treated to a gift in his bout with Donald Murray, 137, New Rochelle, N. Y., six; Mike Cassidy, 166, Jersey City, halted Aurty Barns, 157, Harlem, six; Jay Johnson, 175, Austin, Tex., stopped Willis Hayes, 173, Jersey City, two; Bill Feeney, 141, Bayonne, stopped Joe Harley, 138, Brooklyn, one; Artie Donato, 190, Red Bank, outpointed Jack LaCascio, 230, New York, four.

Tony Bertucci, 155, Brooklyn, had Lou Angelo on the floor seven times before stopping him in 1.07 of the third. Angelo, 158, of Bayonne, didn't have a thing but heart.

Harold Alle, 149, St. Paul, Minn., outpointed Pat Murray, 155, Paterson, eight. Both of these boys should quit. Nick Acuri, 133, Union City, stopped Roosevelt McKinney, 131, Harlem, two; Tommy Kaczmarck, 125, Elizabeth, won over Willie King, 133, Harlem, four; Douglas Lange, 161, New York, stopped Johnny Romano, 164, Hoboken, one.

Joe Curcio, 155, Jersey City southpaw, returned to action and easily outpointed Ray Jackson, 150, Cincinnati, eight. Curcio was a bit rusty. Johnny DeFazio, 127, Bayonne, outpointed Angel Avala, 128, Jamaica, L. I., six. Billy Feeney, 143, Bayonne, had his winning streak ended when he was outpointed by Teddy Pritchard, 140, New York, four. Felix Redonda, 129, Bayonne, won over Leon Harvey, 134, Atlanta, four. Ray Edwards, 131, Ozone Park, L. I., outpunched Ralph Romano, 127, Paterson, four. Tony Carmino, 188, New York, K.O.'ed Artie Donato, 188, Red Bank, two.

Fritzie Pruden, 141, Paterson, K.O.'ed Bobby Williams, 141, Tampa, four. Fritzie was down about 30 seconds before the K.O. The Marno brothers of Paterson both came home in front as Joe, 142, decisioned Al Carter, 140, Paterson, six, and Eddie, 161, halted Chick Taylor, 155, Harlem, in two. Bill Feeney, 140, Bayonne, won from Ossie Cooper, 141, New York, four. Felix Redondo, 127, Bayonne, outpointed Joe Regano, 120, Brooklyn, four.

Jersey City Gardens—Tony Bertucci, 157, Brooklyn, reversed a previous loss by outpunching Joe Agosta, 158, New York, eight; Andy DePaul, 149, Cliffside Park, outpointed Teddy Pritchard, 144, New York, six; Johnny Bassett, 164, Harlem, won over Roger Muriel, 158, Elizabeth, six; Eli Rogalli, 180, Brooklyn, KO'ed Fred Austin, 170, Jersey City, one; Freddy Monforte, 131, Brooklyn, outpointed Tommy Kaczmarck, 125, Elizabeth, four.

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BRITISH RATINGS
By Eddie Borden

Heavyweights

1—Bruce Woodcock, 2—Ken Shaw, 3—Jack London, 4—Alf Brown, 5—Reg Andrews, 6—Tom Reddington, 7—Al Robinson, 8—Len Bennett.

Light-Heavyweights

1—Freddie Mills, 2—Ernie Woodman, 3—Bert Gilroy, 4—Al Marson, 5—Dave Goodwin, 6—Jock Taylor.

Middleweights

1—Vince Hawkins, 2—Randolph Turpin, 3—Mart Hart, 4, Dick Turpin, 5—Albert Finch, 6—Freddy Price, 7—Bert Saunders, 8—Jimmy Davis, 9—Alby Hollister, 10—George Howard.

Welterweights

1—Ernie Roderick, 2—Gwyn Williams, 3—Henry Hall, 4—Willie Whyte, 5—Ginger Stewart, 6—Eric Boon, 7—Eddie Thomas, 8—Cyril Galle, 9—Jimmy Malloy, 10—Jimmy Moore.

Lightweights

1—Billy Thompson, 2—Stan Hawthorne, 3—Tommy Barnham, 4—Cliff Curtis, 5—Bert Hornby, 6—Claude Dennington, 7—Vic Manini, 8—Warren Kendall, 9—Tommy Smythe, 10—Harry Hughes.

Featherweights

1—Ronnie Clayton, 2—Al Phillips, 3—Eddie Miller, 4—Johnny Malloy, 5—Bert Jackson, 6—Ginger Foran, 7—Ben Duffy, 8—Frank Kenny, 9—Frank Williams, 10—Cliff Morris.

Bantamweights

1—Peter Kane, 2—Jackie Paterson, 3—Stan Rowan, 4—Bunty Doran, 5—Charley Brown, 6—Johnny Boom, 7—Charley Kerr, 8—Teddy O'Neil, 9—Jimmy Webster, 10—Ronnie Draper, 11—Danny O'Sullivan.

Flyweights

1—Rinty Monaghan, 2—Dicky O'Sullivan, 3—Norman Lewis, 4—Norman Tennant, 5—Terry Allen, 6—Joe Curran, 7——Billy Davis, 8—Jackie Bryce, 9—Jimmy Gill, 10—Len Johnson, 11—Charley Squire.

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CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

PROMOTER CHARLIE PINTO gave the Buffalo fight fans a real slugging show when he topped his card with Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati light-heavyweight, and Teddy Randolph of New York City in a ten-round bout. The latter was on the deck three times. The New York battler got off the canvas each time and fought back hard in order to stay the limit. Ezzard won the duke all the way.

In the semi-final between Johnny Denero of Rochester, N. Y., and Irish Pat Richards of Columbus, O., the fight was called a draw after six fast heats. Charley Banks, Cincinnati light-heavy, lost to Frankie Best of Syracuse in a close scrap.

A new fight club was started in Lima, O. The matchmaker is Harry Shook and the new club's name is the Lima A.C. Club.

Sammy Baroudi, Akron's contender for the middleweight crown, stopped Bobby Dare of Buffalo in the sixth round in a slugging bee.

Ray Barnes, a rangy middleweight from Detroit, Mich., won the duke from Russ Baxter of New Castle.

Vic Kondik won via the T.K.O. over Danny Nolen of Detroit, in a lightweight five-rounder. Lou Berry of Akron copped the duke over Bill Partin, also of Akron, in five heats and Chet Martin, Akron, won the duke over Al Shelby of Detroit in five.

Bob Sykes, formerly of Little Rock, Arkansas, and now making his home in Indianapolis, won via the K.O. route over Robert Clark of Pittsburgh in the third round of a ten-round bout. Freddy Tibbs lost to Buster Miles in six heats. In another fast six-rounder, Jimmy Welch, Columbus, lost a close decision to Jimmy Robinson, Louisville lightweight.

Stan Hartman, a good looking little featherweight who recently moved north from Texas, is now ready to show his wares in this part of the country. He can be booked through the writer.

The Becker brothers, Cincinnati's genial fight promoters, gave the public a great show, headed by Joe Discepoli and Pat Iacobucci, Italian battlers. The fight ended in a draw. It was a whale of a bout all the way.

In the semi-final, Lee Cat Carter, Indianapolis, Ind., light-heavyweight, lost to Larry Courtright, Dayton, in six rounds.

In another six-round scrap, Allen Small, Indianapolis, Ind., and Ted Nichols, heavyweights, drew.

Bobby McQuillar, Michigan's state lightweight champion, is on the shelf with a bad shoulder.

Jack Williams, Columbus welterweight, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is back in the gymnasium.

Dayton promoters have been coasting the past two months, but are angling for a big show.

At Binghamton, N. Y., on November 12, Sam Baroudi put the skids under Prentiss Hall of Buffalo in the sixth round. Shed Bell, brother of the welterweight, Tommy Bell, was stopped by Al Hurlburt of Rome in the second, after Hurlburt hit the deck three times.

Joe Maxim, Cleveland leading battler, won a ten-round decision over Bob Foxworth.

Matchmaker Pat Thurkettle of the Toledo A.C. Boxing Club staged his first show on the 14th of November. In his top fight of ten rounds Eddie Neal was given the nod over the veteran Ossie Harris of Pittsburgh. Perry Mason, southpaw Toledo battler, gained the nod over Mike Sopko of Chicago in ten heats.

The Central Boxing Club of Akron, with Bob Heath and Johnny Hannison at the helm, gave the local fans a real treat with an all-star boxing show featuring two eight-round scraps between sluggers. Joey De John of Buffalo, N. Y., was extended to win the duke over stubborn Paul Darby of Detroit. It was a good scrap with both boys giving everything they had.

In the other eight-rounder, between Grady Welch, Tommy Maxwell's good heavyweight, and Bobby Dare, Buffalo, N. Y., Welch dropped the duke to the New Yorker. Bob Gladman, Akron middleweight, and Bobby Reed, Detroit, fought a torrid draw of six rounds.

Vic Kondik, Akron welterweight, scored a two-round T.K.O. over Bob Scott of Detroit. Lou Berry, Akron welterweight, decisioned Joey Kazle of Detroit in a six.

Ken (Duke) Stigner would like to get his heavyweight some work in this locality.

Jackie Krell, North Carolina welterweight, is again in this part of the country and can be booked through the writer.

Send your notes to the writer, Less Huffman, P.O. Box 211, Station G, Columbus, Ohio.

KENTUCKY RING NEWS

By JOE FRENCH

WALTER BUCKROP, matchmaker for the Sportsman's A.C. of Louisville, presented Sid Peaks, powerhouse punching Negro heavyweight from nearby Charlestown, Ind., making his first Louisville appearance after racking up a series of wins around the Midwest. Peaks made quick work of Chief War Cloud, Indianapolis, Ind., stopping the big Indian in the third of a scheduled ten-rounder. Mickey Janoski, New York middleweight, stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., looked impressive knocking out Larry Janke of Cincinnati in the second.

Frank Rand of Indianapolis outspeeded Earl Turner of Cincinnati to win the verdict in a heavyweight six-rounder.

Bob O'Bannon from nearby Jeffersonville, Ind., won his second pro start with a six-round decision over Nick Torres, Cincinnati 179-pounder.

Doug Medley of Louisville scored over Wayne Cornelius, local lightweight, in the four-round opener.

Jesse Underwood, shifty lightweight from Huntington, W. Va., engaged Gene Spencer, clever Chicago veteran, in the ten-round headliner of the Sportsman's A.C. card at the Louisville Armory. The official verdict was a draw after ten action-filled rounds, but many ringsiders were of the opinion that Underwood rated the edge.

Mickey Janoski, soldier middleweight from Fort Knox, Ky., K.O.'ed Billy Jackson, Huntington, W. Va., in the second heat of the six-round semi after Janoski was on the deck himself for a nine count.

George Wilson, Louisville Negro middleweight, put away Frankie Robinson of Lexington, Ky., in the second round.

In fours, between local cuffers, Marvin Edlin kayoed Dick Burton in three and J. Yarber decisioned Gene Sheets, all 160-pounders.

The four-round opener had Doug Medley, Louisville lightweight, winning the nod over Bobby Malone, local Negro, making his pro debut.

Walter Buckdrop, Louisville matchmaker, brought back Jesse Underwood, Huntington, W. Va., and Gene Spencer, Chicago, lightweights, to settle a disputed draw verdict which was rendered in their first meeting. Both boys turned in a busy, free-punching performance and again the verdict was a draw.

Frankie Malone of Louisville battled to a draw with Charley Scott, Cincinnati lightweight, in six.

Jimmy Sheets, Chicago middleweight, battered game George Wilson, local Negro, dropping him six times to win a six-round decision.

Bob O'Bannon, 176, Jeffersonville, Ind., looked good winning his third straight pro start by belting out Bob Jackson, 178, Charleston, W. Va., in the third round.

Marvin Edlin, middleweight from New Albany, Ind., K.O.'ed Lou Joe Donald of Louisville in the first.

Two of the best seconds in this section are Howard Jones and Henry Kirchenbrod, who is a partner with Freddie Eiler in the operation of the Louisville gym. . . . A good looking newcomer is Nate Arnold, Louisville Negro middle, handled by "Hap" Oller. . . . Add the name of Bob O'Bannon, light-heavy managed by Yours Truly, to the list of new faces in this vicinity who show promise. . . . Walter Buckrop, Louisville matchmaker, is doing his best to put the game on a high level here. . . . Dutch Reese, local fight figure, is making the matches at Evansville, Ind. . . . Joe Martinis is keeping his stable on the go out of town. . . . Matchmakers who want good talent from this vicinity should contact the writer, Joe French, who can be reached at 1009 French St., Jeffersonville, Indiana.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. JIMMIE AMANN

PROMOTER HARRY HARTMAN presented an Ohio State lightweight title bout on November 24 at Music Hall in Cincinnati. The defending champion, Ace Miller of Toledo, O., turned back the Columbus, O., challenger, Willie Russell, in a 12-round bout which was replete with thrills from start to finish. The prelims were all good.

Charlie Lee, Cincinnati, knocked out Tom Woodward in a three-round heavyweight bout; Walter Evans won from Ronnie Hamlin in six rounds at 147; Sheriff Jackson knocked out Gates Thurston in three heats and Jimmy Woods won a six-round verdict over Harvey Harris in a lightie tilt.

Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati's light-heavyweight threat, removed any further doubt that he is the logical contender for the title held by Gus Lesnevich when he won on a technical knockout in the fourth round of a scheduled ten-round bout from Fitzie Fitzpatrick of Los Angeles, Calif., in the headline match of Ed Bang's Christmas show at Cleveland, Ohio.

A gross of $83,000 was clicked through the Cleveland turnstiles for the match.

Promoters Benny and Sammy Becker of Cincinnati are now dickering for a light-heavyweight championship match between Lesnevich and Charles for Cincinnati next summer.

Wally Unsold, the sensational light-heavyweight from Dover, O., who has held the undisputed amateur boxing championship of his class and was recognized internationally as same, turned professional during November and scored a victory in his first pro fight with an eight-round verdict over Dick Cunningham of Cleveland, O., at New Philadelphia, Ohio.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS . . . Jordan W. Chambers, St. Louis manager, is pointing his Negro 220-pounder, Kid Riviera, toward the thick of heavyweight things in 1948. . . . Al Jordan, Milwaukee lightweight in the Eddie Metrie stable, is going great guns. . . . *Fight Flashes*, my monthly boxing sheet, at one dollar per year subscription, is going right along. . . . January 15th will be the date for the tenth annual release of my boxing promoters' and managers' guide, with 800 names and addresses listed, at one buck per copy. . . . I would like to thank all of my friends around the world who have contributed with different boxing souvenirs to my fast growing boxing collection . . . thanks again fellows . . . and in closing don't forget to buy your copy of RING early, for they sell like hot cakes.

Charles Sawyer and his business associates stated in the local newspapers the first week in December that the ground for the new Arena will be broken early in January.

My address is: 6716 Palmetto Street, Cincinnati 27, Ohio.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By SELSSO TIBORRO

AT El Coliseo Arena:

Chalio Duran, 136, T.K.O.'ed Aurelio Cruz, 133, in eight. Punos de Oro, 139, also T.K.O.'ed Gallito Jimenez, 139, in seven.

Nicolas Moran, 140, decisioned Julio Cesar Jimenez, 140, in ten and Saul Torres, 135, T.K.O.'ed Zarcillo Sanchez, 135, in eight.

Lalo Gallardo, 137, K.O.'ed Saul Torres, 133, in three. Raul Esqueda, 131, decisioned Villita de Juarez, 128, in ten.

Luis Reyes, 117, decisioned Kid Agrarista, 114, in ten. Primo Rojas, 118, decisioned Panchito Uribe, 118, in ten.

El Conscripto, 138, T.K.O.'ed Chucho Ruiz, 138, in seven. Punos de Oro, 137, decisioned Al Zamora, 137, in ten.

Nicolas Moran, 141, decisioned Bert Linam, 143, Texas, in ten. Rolando Delgado, 127, Cuba, drew with Pelon Perez, 127, in ten.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

HUMBERTO SIERRA, top ranking featherweight challenger, won a ten rounder over Floyd Shiflett, of Rome, Georgia, in the ten round main event at Miami. Davey Allen, a New Yorker, belted Billy Lima, of Miani, for eight rounds to cop the semi-go. Harry Harvey, of Savannah, beat Jimmy Enopia in another eight round bout. Joey Costa stopped Baby Zamarappa in round seven of their battle.

Dom Steele, brother of Eddie, made his first appearance in Asheville, N. C., a good one when he opposed Guy Brown, a favorite in this city. Dom opened up in the sixth with a flurry that left Brown in a bad state and caused the referee to give Dom the TKO win. Both are middleweights. Tommy Kilpatrick, of Hendersonville, KO'ed Hal McCaskill in the third round of a welterweight scrap. Dick Driver, an Indian lad, scored a TKO over Ben Servo. Doc Campbell won a decision from Mark Reid in a six round welter go. Jimmy Crowe KO'ed Harry Kilpatrick, of Hendersonville, in round three, featherweights.

Honey Mellody, Boston, who fought the best men in his weight in his days, including champions like Sammy Mandell, Andre Routis, Bat Battalino, Jack Britton, Tony Canzoneri, is now making his home in Jacksonville with Mrs. Mellody. The Honey-boy has opened a jewelry business here and is doing well.

Ernie Pelaia, Pennsylvania welterweight, checked Chico Pacheco, of Brazil, in a ten rounder at Miami, winning as he pleased and proving in this case the adage "experience is the best teacher." Pelaia showered the South American from the opening to the closing bell, using a left hook to advantage, and at times alternating with the right to the head and body. He opened a cut on Chico's forehead in the third. Pacheco tried though outclassed. The winning fighter tipped 146; the loser, 147¼. In a six welter scrap, Angel Chavez bested Bob Fenton. Jackie Perkins won a lightweight match from Eddie Stout, eight heats. Pat Franco, 135½, won from Lou Vales, 139¼, in six. Harry Harvey, 125, KO'ed Jerry Lavigne in four.

At Tampa—Lee Sala's 33rd consecutive chalker, a first round "knockout" over Eddie Finazzo, left a bad taste in the mouths of the fight faithfuls who trekked to the boxing arena in Tampa. It didn't do Lee any good, in fact brought more harm and now they'll start clamoring for the undefeated middleweight protege of Pete Andrews' to be given worthier competition. For the poor showing, Finazzo was given a year's suspension and his manager, Jack Laken, was drubbed with the similar punishment. The best bout on the night's card was between Bobby Root, of Cleveland, and Young Chino Alvarez, of Tampa. For the third time, Root came out the head man. This was an eight rounder. Another bang-up fight was the six rounder, Frank Cecades versus Joe Legon II. Cecades, at 140 and Legon II travelled to a draw. Many believed Frank the winner. Blondy Baggett, promising Tampa lightweight, beat Fernando Lantigua, of Cuba, in a sixer. Bob Fenton, 146, won from Louis Vales, 143, in six.

At Asheville, N. C. — Teet Montooth, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, bomber, narrowly escaped with a ten round verdict after going a torrid tussle with Jack Revolta, of Fort Benning, Ga. Montooth scaled 149, while Revolta weighed 146. Jumping Joe Green, Asheville's promising Negro 151 pounder, won the eight round semi-go from Sonny Hopper, 145 pound Negro boy, from Macon, Ga. Don Bowman, 128, TKO'ed Bill Johnson, 131, in round five after having decked his man three times. Brown Bomber and Tommy DeHart, Negro heavies, engaged in a short one. The Bomber landed on the target and halted DeHart in 39 seconds of the first. Steve Hensley, 149, punched out a four round decision over 141 pound Frank Taylor.

At Miami—Johnny Dabbs, 143, Texas welterweight, made his Florida debut by winning over young Gene Smith in Miami over the ten round route. Jimmy Hill, Monaca, Pa., stopped Jackie Perkins, of Worcester, Mass., in the fourth round of a lightweight clash. Angel Chavez stopped Hewitt Tippins in the sixth of a welterweight match. Jimmy Enopia, 129½, beat Joey Wasnick, 125, in six. Jimmy Bruton stopped Jerry Lavigne in the third of a featherweight scrap.

Fletcher Prater, a Jacksonville soldier serving in Japan, competed in the All-Japan Occupation Elimination Boxing Tournament. Prater lost out in the senior welterweight division to Paul Goodman.

This column overlooked, with regret, the fact that Tampa harbors two doctors who are associated with the boxing game strictly for the love of the sport and are friends to all the fighters. Dr. Carlos Barbas, like Dr. Porro, gives excellent care, X-rays, check-ups on the boys, free of charge and has been doing this kind service for the past twenty years.

Boss Nat Fleischer, ye RING Editor-Publisher, intends taking a trip down South around January or February for a month's rest, according to word from the Chief. Nat, as you probably know, has been a very sick man and within nine weeks had two operations. He's out of the hospital now and his many friends wish him complete recovery.

Meanwhile, your humble correspondent wishes to thank most kindly the well wishes and mail from the boxing fraternity the countryside over in regards to our hospitalization and operation.

Oswaldo Silva (Number 84), Brazil, got back into the win column with a well earned ten round decision over Birmingham Ben Montabano at Miami. Silva weighed 152, and Ben, 149½. Jimmy Burke, middleweight, TKO'ed Les Flowitt, 158, in the seventh. The best bout saw Davey Allen, 121, defeat Auggie Yarratt, 125, in eight rounds. Harry Harvey, Savannah featherweight, won in six from Joey Wasnick.

An amateur boxing show held in Coral Gables, Florida, is credited with having the first television shots made in Florida. Chalk another for boxing.

Joe Monteiro, New England featherweight socker, is boxing in Florida rings under the name of Joey Costa, and is not to be confused with the Joey Costa of Springfield, Mass., who was recently tabbed by THE RING the lightweight prospect of the month.

At Orlando, Fla.—Bob Fenton (Bob Shoemaker), of Chicago, won a seven round TKO over Frank Cecades, of Tampa, in a welterweight bout. Jimmy Maddox, 136¾, Oklahoma, KO'ed Bob Rodriguez, 140, in three heats. Bobby Root, of Cleveland and Tampa, beat Joe Legon II, of Havana, in an eight rounder to keep his win streak going. Both are lightweights. Jerry Lavigne, of Canada, 118, beat Jimmy Laedeke, 118, of Orlando, in another eight. Jerry (Humphrey Pennyworth) Jackson, New York, beat Archie Glisson, of Miami, in a heavyweight match. It was another eight. Jimmy Young, Tampa, TKO'ed Bobby Holland in five. Both are light-heavies.

Results from Sarasota—Manny Gomez, of Tampa, stopped Bobby Sylvester, Florida, who hasn't touched a glove in a mighty long time. The end came in the sixth. Angel Chavez and Knute Baker had a ten round draw. Carl Guggino KO'ed Maxie Turner in the fourth of a welterweight bout.

Your RING reporter was the guest of Lou Viscusi for the Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott championship fight in Madison Square Garden and from there I went to Hartford, Conn., with likeable Lou, where our good friends, Bill Gore, RING correspondent Don Hamill, and fighter Carey Mace reside.

Joey Costa, alias Joe Monteiro, New England featherweight, not the Joey Costa from Springfield, Mass., broke Jimmy Laedeke's 22 straight wins with a six round TKO in Orlando, Florida. Phil Orr, of Winter Park, won a sixer from Kid Pahokee in the semi-go. Both are lightweights. Hal Patterson KO'ed Bill Deaton in the first round of a lightweight scrap. Tony Gruttadaro, 139, lost a sixer to Frankie Garcia. Jimmy Savage got a three round TKO over Jimmy Bardo, both welters. Emmett Collins and Grady Black, Negro lightweights, went in a no-contest.

After Biffie Jones, of Virginia, lost out to the heavier Johnny Williams, he faced someone in his own weight, Filberto Osario, of Puerto Rico and came through victoriously. Manager Harry Groves is satisfied Jones is at his best as a featherweight.

Boxers unattached can do well to write yours truly for something interesting. Address: Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville 8, Florida. Please enclose record, picture and all necessary information.

Good news to report along the marriage front. Cal Cagni, former welterweight boxing star under Al Weill, who has been making Jacksonville his home, took himself a charming Jacksonville miss. Mrs. Cagni, prior to her marriage, was Miss Sara George.

At Miami—Frankie Abrams stopped Nick Castiglione in Miami but it was tainted and the Miami boxing commission held up Nick's purse pending an investigation. Frankie scored four knockdowns while it lasted. Jimmy Burke, classy young Florida-Georgia product, won a TKO in four over Jackie Brazil, of Jacksonville. Both are middleweights. Billy Kinard, Orlando middleweight, won an eight round tilt from Gus Aldridge, of Macon. Frank Cecades, 139, Tampa, outclassed Lou Vales, 142½, of Havana, in a six heater.

The proposed featherweight championship bout between king Willie Pep and challenger Humberto Sierra may be held in Miami, Minneapolis, or New York City. Sierra, a Miami boy, has upset Sandy Saddler to gain the position.

Wonder what happened to the flashy Tampa welterweight lad with fistic promise galore, Terry Lee.

DENVER AND VICINITY

By W. G. (BILL) THOMAS, JR.

THERE were no professional boxing shows held in this Mile High City last month but in reality professional boxing fought its biggest fight in the history of Colorado. For a number of years it has been generally known that the members of the State Boxing Commission have ceased to function for the good of boxing as a whole.

Three months ago a petition bearing the signatures of promoters, managers, boxers and interested fight fans was filed with the Governor asking that a formal hearing be held and that the present boxing commissioners be removed from office upon the presentation of sufficient evidence for their removal by the petitioners.

The hearing was granted and District Judge Robert W. Steele was appointed by the Governor to hear the case. The case lasted four full days and the courtroom was filled with spectators for each day's session. The fact that the commissioners hired two of the best attorneys in the State didn't help much and throughout the course of the hearing the members of the commission and their secretary proved to be the petitioners' best witnesses.

The hearing is over but the decision was not ready as we went to press.

Whatever the outcome of the legal battle, professional boxing in this State has cast off some of its shackles and is getting all set for a great comeback. Promoter K. S. (Kollie) Barnett will start promoting weekly boxing shows at the City Auditorium Annex shortly after the first of the year. He plans to use Colorado's best boxers and with shows going every week there will be plenty of spots for the Colorado boxers who have been forced to leave the State to get action.

Most Denver fighters have been idle the past month—Joe Danos, the Southpaw Slasher, took a much needed rest. . . . Corky Gonzales dropped Topeka's Joe Romano five times in their bout at Omaha to take the decision with ease. . . . Cowboy Ruben Shank retired from the ring after receiving a brain concussion in his bout with Mel Brown at Minneapolis. . . . Little Joe Louis dropped a six round decision to Omaha's Joey Hartfield. . . . Freddie Maes and George Gremik returned from Chicago. . . . Mustang Garcia has resumed training and will fight Billy Cornwall in the wind-up bout at Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 12. . . . The Denver Elks Amateur Team defeated a Kansas City team, 5 to 1. The card was held in the Elks Punch Bowl. . . . The Auditorium Annex in Denver has been converted into a fight arena. The seating capacity is 3,500. An ideal spot for weekly club shows.

This writer would like to hear from all fighters and managers who want a representative in this area. My address is 4313 Sheridan Blvd., Denver 12, Colorado.

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

EDDIE REED, veteran Negro middleweight, carried a little too much ring savvy and pounded out a ten-round decision over Jimmy Fitzpatrick, young Tacoma boy.

Charley Johnston, hard-hitting Tacoma welterweight, has called it quits in the fight game. The hard-socking kid's hands just do not seem to stand up under terrific punching.

Jimmy Casino, and Eddie Reed, ringwise California fighters, are high in their praise for Virgil Larson, 17-year-old Tacoma youngster.

"Red" Garrison, rugged Hoquiam welterweight, has been showing marked improvement in recent bouts around the Pacific Northwest.

Freddie Wallace, Seattle heavyweight, has shown considerable advance.

Bert "Curley" Forbes, one of the good lightweights around the Northwest several years ago, may be seen daily in the Seattle gymnasium giving out some of the smart tricks of the game to newcomers.

Jack Connor, veteran boxing manager whose predictions are respectfully weighed regarding possibilities of young fighters, believes 17-year-old Virgil Larson's chances for success in the fight game rate very good.

Charley Davidson, former scrappy Seattle featherweight, is successfully filling the role as matchmaker for the Eagles A. C. amateur shows in the Queen City.

Bill Ross, one of the most personable young managers around the Northwest, has some good words to say about a couple of new boys under his direction. Bill did a good job with Milo Savage, Negro middleweight.

George Dixon, Negro middleweight of many years ago, still follows the sport around the Pacific Northwest. This writer laced the first pair of gloves on Dixon, who boxed Dave Shade, Jock Malone, and other good ones of that era.

Hal Halloway, Tacoma lightweight, was knocked out by Buddy Washington, Boise, Idaho, in a top spot on a recent Twin Falls, Idaho, fight card. Washington boxed a draw recently with Keith Nuttall, Henry Armstrong's fighter. The kayo came in the fifth round.

There isn't a fight matchmaker in the country who works harder than Mel Epstein, of the Seattle Boxing Club. Mel goes about his business in an aggressive and pleasing manner.

PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS,
By FRANKLIN T. McQUAIDE, JR.

JUMPING JOE BARRONE, 123, colorful local featherweight, had his hands full at the Aragon Gardens on November 6, when he tangled with Frankie Pucci, 121, of New York City, in the ten-round main event. It was a rough, slam-bang affair. Barrone was awarded the unanimous decision and the verdict was roundly booed. It was a close contest. This writer favored Pucci.

Johnny Komlo, 160, Frederickstown, Pa., won the split decision over Russ Baxter, 161, New Castle, Pa., in the very close six-round semifinal. Komlo, not long out of the amateurs, is a good prospect.

Joe Kezele, 147, Youngstown, O., who packs a wallop in either hand, floored Gene Brown, 149, Pittsburgh, in the fifth round and when Brown got up at the count of nine, Kezele rained blows upon him at will until Referee Buck McTiernan halted the bout awarding Kezele the T.K.O. victory.

Russell Budd, 166, Pittsburgh, scored the quickest knockout of the year when he dropped Don McKinley, 163, Homestead, Pa., in 44 seconds of the first round of a scheduled four. A right uppercut, flush on the button, was the weapon Budd employed.

Nate Smith, 156, Pittsburgh, floored Ray Logan, 151, Pittsburgh, for nine in the first and nine in the second and won the verdict in four rounds.

Irish Jimmy Sanders, 144, formerly of Warren, O., now residing in Pittsburgh, whipped Tommy Mills, 143, of New York City. Sanders, a coming lightweight with plenty of class, had very little opposition and stopped his man in 1:55 of the sixth round. Sanders was upon Mills, belaboring him with hard lefts and rights to the head. At this point, Ernie Sesto halted the contest and awarded Sanders the T.K.O. victory.

Sammy Mastrean, 141, Pittsburgh, won the unanimous decision over Arbie Bowie, 136, Aliquippa, Pa., in the six-round semi-final.

Dick Cunningham, 174, Cleveland, O., a Negro boy with plenty of class, easily defeated Ollie Madison, 174, Homestead, Pa., in another six.

Rad Minko, 144, Charleroi, Pa., and Billy Malone, 145, Pittsburgh, staged a rousing four-round alley fight with Minko emerging the victor.

Elmer Jennings, 146, Pittsburgh, won the unanimous decision over Mike Lash, 146, Duquesne, Pa., in the four-round opener.

Joe Faiello, outstanding local lightweight, defeated Leo Garrett of Cleveland, in the eight-round feature attraction at the Aragon Gardens on November 13. In winning the unanimous decision, Faiello boxed superbly. Joe Faiello weighed 138; Leo Garrett, 136.

Chet Martin, 135, Akron, O., won an unpopular split decision over Billy Bates, 130, hard-hitting local Negro boy, in the six-round semi-final.

George Sapolich, 173, Johnstown, Pa., was awarded a split decision over Russell Budd, 168, Pittsburgh, in a very close sixer.

Rad Minko, 145, Charleroi, Pa., looked like a good prospect in kayoing Elmer Jennings, 147, Pittsburgh, in 45 seconds of the fourth and final round of a one-sided contest.

Carl Jones, 135, Washington, Pa., won the unanimous decision over Irish Chuck McLaughlin, 138, McKeesport, Pa., in the four-round opener.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH BOXING IN NEW ENGLAND?
By MARK FANNON

A REVOLUTION has started in the boxing game. Make no mistake about that! During the past six months the glove game throughout New England has taken a decided slump. Notice the drop in gate receipts and you will be convinced. No longer can you throw any two fighters in a ring—as was done during the war years—and draw a capacity house.

A new club in Boston—The Dempsey A.A.—has started operating at the famed Mechanics Building. They stage weekly bouts and are trying to develop local talent.

The man behind the club is Jimmy Mede—a veteran in the promotional field, having staged boxing in various New England clubs way back in the roaring twenties, and toured his friend Jack Dempsey around the New England circuit. In respect to Jack, Mede has named the club after him.

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Mede's assistant is Terry Parker, Mede's brother and a well-known featherweight of yesteryear.

The Dempsey A.A. has not been drawing very good houses but they have put on excellent shows and hope in doing so to eventually get the backing of the fans.

The first show was between Flash Sebastian, of Honolulu, and Dave Andrews, former N. E. welterweight champion. It proved to be a whale of a scrap with Flash coming ahead in the closing rounds and clinching the decision. Fans had heard that Sebastian had been kayoed in one heat by Ray Robinson, and no doubt stayed away because of this but the match was one of the best Andrews has ever been in.

Next came the Sonny Horne and Henry Chemel fight—another good battle. Chemel (Chmielewski) had been stopped by bad eyes in several of his fights a few years ago. The fans didn't like that either. But Chemel DID beat Horne in their previous clash; had been successful in a comeback and his eyes were now in good shape. Fans were treated to another action packed match.

Harry Berntsen, giant Norwegian, who draws $8,500 gates in New York was brought to the Hub to meet Irish Jimmy Lake, of Montreal, a lad who had beaten the Norseman and once before made a hit in Boston in kayoing Earl Evans. Their return match in Boston was a thriller from start to finish between two fast, young, white heavyweights—a treat nowadays (you'd think). Lake came off the floor twice to hold the colorful Berntsen to a draw. Here again was another stand-out match but it did not draw. Boston evidently is a hard town to crack.

What is wrong with these matches? What's wrong with the game in general? Has the Graziano affair; the LaMotta incident; the movie "Body and Soul"; the book "The Harder They Fall"—have these thingt hurt boxing so much? Something must be wrong when good cards and stirring bouts can't draw 'em in.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

CALVIN LEIGH, the little man with the big punch, fought and won his 12th fight by defeating Gabriele Rios of Puerto Rico. Leigh weighed 116 and Rios 114. Up to date Leigh has had 12 fights, won six by K.O.'s, four by decisions and two draws.

In the other bouts, Al Baldesino, 135, of Niagara Falls, won over Jimmy Joyce, 136, of Gary, Ind., in ten. Irish Johnny Rowe, 140, of Rochester, whammed a left hook into the mid-section of Richard Coleman, 147, of Utica, in 2:48 of the first round and stopped him. Frankie Best, 177, of Fredonia, K.O.'ed Mike Jacobs, 176, of Garfield, N. J., in one. Vern Mitchell, 193, Detroit, K.O.'ed Tom Jacobs, 180, of New York City, in one round. In the opening four, Jackie Brace, 139, of Hamilton, Ont., and Al Jordan, 144, of Buffalo, fought a draw. The house grossed $4,456.

At Binghamton, Eddie Smith, 147, of Rochester, ran into plenty of tough luck in his bout with Chet Vince of Rome, N. Y., 155. Smith was away ahead at the end of the eighth round, when Vince butted Smith and opened a bad cut, and the doctor stopped the fight. In the semi-final, Johnny DeNero, 176, of Rochester, N. Y., easily defeated Willie Davis of Youngstown, Ohio, in eight. In another good fight Joey Kushner of Syracuse stopped Roosevelt Flagg in three.

Irish Johnny Flynn, Rochester's heavyweight, and his manager, Joe LoVerdi are planning going to the West.

Amateur fighters or trainers of amateur fighters wishing to show in Rochester, N. Y., should write to Johnny Burba at the Elks Club, Rochester, N. Y., and I am sure that he will answer your letters.

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BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By JACK LEVINSON

"SNOOKS HOWARD, Fort Mills, S. C., 135, won a split decision over counter punching Jackie (V-8) Ford, 136, of Washington, D.C., in the eight round feature, at the Magic City Athletic Club of Roanoke. Ford was dropped in the fourth round, for an eight count. The deciding votes of Judges Scotty Barkley and Roy Dent made Howard the winner. Referee Lee Cash voted for Ford.

Don Krupin, 146, of Salem, N. C., won in the first, via a T.K.O., over Freddie Masters, 145, of Gastonia, N. C.

Bill Roberts, 210, of Charlotte, N. C., won by a KO in the first, over Doug Moore, 215, of Roanoke, Va.

Andy Calloway, 137, of Roanoke scored a five round KO over Burnie Thornton, 134, of Washington, D. C.

Irwin Fitzgerald, 126, of Roanoke, won a four round decision over Charles Lucado, 126, of Roanoke.

Nat Berent, star lightweight in the late 30's, now runs a body building gymnasium in Norfolk, besides acting as the Virginia representative of the York-Milo Barbell Equipment Supplies.

Ken Overlin, ex-middleweight champion, and Joey Goodman, one of the leading welterweight contenders for the title in the 30's, both adopted sons of Virginia, now operate taverns on the West Coast.

Your writer is to be the prospective matchmaker for new pro club intending to operate shortly in Norfolk. The intentions are for bi-monthly shows. All managers and unattached white boxers wanting work here, send complete information. Business will be done with me only, no connections will be needed. My new address is 128 W. 10th Street, Norfolk, Va.

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"FROM DOWN UNDER"
By VINCENT C. DAVIS

AUSTRALIA—Between 10,000 and 11,000 fans thronged the Sydney Stadium to see a hard-fought draw between welterweights Ken Bailey, 141¼, and Jackie Daniels, 146½, over 12 rounds.

Bailey would have been beaten but for a great burst over the last four rounds. Daniels nearly knocked him down when a smart right to the jaw jellied Bailey's legs in round seven. However, Bailey recovered quickly and ducked and dodged his way out of trouble until the bell ended the round.

Despite whirlwind fighting by Roy Treasure, 134½, Mickey Tollis, 134½, stopped him in ten rounds in Melbourne. In the first four rounds Treasure was all over Tollis, his southpaw stance and willingness to fight being too much for Tollis. However, Treasure was the first to weaken and Tollis came into the ascendancy. At the end of the ninth round Treasure had a closed left eye. Tollis put him down for a count of seven in the eighth and and in the ninth. In the tenth round a right to the jaw saw Treasure down for a nine count. He got up, but Tollis sat him down again, and the referee called a halt.

At Leichhardt, Kev McCarthy, 158, drew with Ron McRae, 151.

English middleweight, Alex Buxton, 161, knocked out Richie Sands, 170, in three rounds in Newcastle. Richie was down for a count of nine in the first round, four in the second.

Alf Wells, 145, outpointed Filipino Johnny Cinto, 144¾, in Brisbane. Wells was too speedy and knew too much for the Filipino, whose best efforts were his body punching.

Rex Murphy beat Tommy Ward, 143¾, in a thrilling 12-round bout at Leichhardt.

Like his champion brother, Rex is a good puncher and his boxing ability is improving under the tutelage of Jack Dunleavy.

At Melbourne—Archie Kemp, 134¼, gained a close points decision from Leo Berry, 133¼. The referee, Bud Jennings, gave it to Kemp for clean and accurate punching.

Alfie Sands, 143, youngest of the five Sands brothers of Newcastle, knocked out Tommy Johns, 136¼, in two rounds at Newcastle. Alfie is now regarded as second only to Dave Sands among the five brothers. Alfie dropped Johns for a count of two in the first round. A count of eight in the second round was followed by the final coup de grace.

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AUSTRALIA—Use of a ram-rod straight left gained Jack Bridges, 141¼, a decision over Alfie Sands, 147, in Melbourne. Alfie met a man who was too smart defensively. Alfie just couldn't make his wallops land in the right places.

New South Wales coal miner, Taffy Hancock, 112, caused a big surprise at Brisbane when he knocked out Stumpy Butwell, 111, with a punch to the solar plexus in three rounds. At the time of the knockout Butwell was boxing all over Hancock and had been punishing him severely.

A real stand-up slugging match in Melbourne ended in the referee stopping it and giving the victory to George Sands, 146, over Bill Burns, 147, in nine rounds. Burns was knocked down for counts of eight in the sixth, nine in the seventh, and four times in the ninth.

An injury to his right leg when he slipped in the corner of the Adelaide ring lost Ritchie Sands, 170½, his match against the veteran Alabama Kid, 181½, in the sixth round.

Sydney fight trainer, Bill McConnell believes he has discovered a boxing "find" in southpaw middleweight, Fred Riddle, 161, who outpointed Englishman Joe Upton, 158, in Newcastle.

At Leichhardt (Sydney) Ray Coleman, 122, knocked out Ken Hatcher, 121, in eight.

In Sydney George Kapeen, 134, gave a hard punching display to draw with Jackie Wilson, 133½. Art Denham, 130½, knocked out Nipper O'Brien, 135, in the third.

Australia—Australian middleweight and light-heavyweight champion, Dave Sands, 163¾, had no difficulty in TKOing New Zealander, George Allen, 163¾, in Sydney, in nine rounds. Allen scarcely landed an effective blow on Sands and was not the sort of opponent to bring out the best in Dave.

In Melbourne, Frankie Flannery, 125½, snatched victory when seemingly faced with defeat with a last round win over Filipino Little Paras, 122¾. Paras was well ahead on points when Flannery staged a 12th round spurt.

Billy Myers, 187, knocked out Ritchie Sands, 170, in nine at Adelaide. Sands was down for counts of three in the seventh, and the full ten in the ninth.

In a close fight, Tommy Ward, 146, outpointed Rex Murphy, 148, at Leichhardt, Sydney, evening up the score as Murphy had outpointed him some weeks earlier.

In his first professional fight, former flyweight amateur champion of Australia, Neville Rincheval, 114, stopped Al Thomas, 114, in eight at Newcastle.

FROM NEW ZEALAND
By BRIAN F. O'BRIEN

DARCY HOFFMAN, rugged Dunedin ex-sailor, has been the biggest crowd-pleaser in the country during the current season. Although still a novice, he is as rugged as they come. He punches powerfully with both hands, and is tremendously fit. He opened the year with a knockout in eight rounds of Colin Honey, the Aucklander, but was then defeated by a narrow margin by the classy Australian, Ross Pippett. A return fight saw the hard-hitting New Zealand boy lay Pippett low in the fifth round. Soon after, Hoffman went ten rounds with the veteran Englishman, Dick Morgan. Although not in his best form, Hoffman won an easy decision. His last contest to date resulted in him losing a decision to Cec Hodges, New South Wales light-heavyweight king, who recently arrived in New Zealand. Hoffman made a belated effort to wrest the decision, and twice knocked the Australian down for nine-counts. With more polish and ringcraft, Darcy Hoffman will take a power of beating.

Don Mullett, New Zealand heavyweight champion (he took the title from Maurice Strickland, well known in the U. S. A., in 1942), knocked out former Australian light-heavyweight champion, Ern Clingan, in ten rounds at Wellington. Clingan, short of a gallop, resembled Tony Galento in build, but proved quite a capable boxer. Mullett was not at his best, but even so, was the victor by a wide margin.

Lyn Philp, probably the most brilliant ex-amateur developed in New Zealand since the war, caused a sensation by knocking out bantamweight champion Tot Hoggarth in nine rounds of an overweight contest. Hoggarth, a hard punching veteran, had previously put Philp away in eleven stanzas, and was a 4 to 1 favorite.

Tom Heeney, the "hard rock from Down Under", who defeated many leading American heavyweights in the late 1920's and fought a plucky, losing battle for the world title against shrewd, cool Gene Tunney, recently visited his hometown, Gisborne, to pay a call on his aged mother. Tom, now eighteen stone, has done well in the States, where he settled, and speaks in glowing terms of America and Americans. One did, however, detect an odd note creeping in occasionally. Was it homesickness?

Roy Stevens, middleweight champion, defeated Cliff Hanham, former middle and light-heavyweight champion, on points at Invercargill. It was a cleverly fought bout, but lacked fireworks.

George Allen, a New Zealand light-heavyweight who has been doing well over the Tasman Sea in Australia, scored another impressive win at Sydney Stadium, recently, when he outpointed the awkward Englishman, Alex Buxton. Allen had just prior to this fight put up a surprisingly good showing against Jack Johnson, Australian heavyweight king, in a title fight, losing on points after conceding weight.

Harry Hanson, rugged but raw Wellington middleweight, put the Indian sign on Harry Mason, claimant of the Welch middleweight title, in four rounds at Palmerston North.

HALIFAX FISTIC NEWS
By COLIN FAULKNER

JOE PYLE, 145, New Waterford, C. B., and Montreal, got a unanimous decision over Johnny Woods, 137, Boston, Mass., in the feature bout, ten rounds, at the Armories here November 28. In the semi-final Frank Garnier, 138, Halifax, got an unpopular decision over Crosby Irvine, 139½, Saint John, N. B. In the preliminaries: Keith Paris, 127½, New Glasgow, nephew of Percy Paris, outboxed Red Graham, 133½, Dartmouth; and Bobby Murphy, 112, won over Don Maxwell, 109, both of this city.

Ace McKluskey, 151, Dartmouth and Charlottetown, K.O.'ed Al Michaud, 154, Lewiston, Me., in 1:41 of the fifth round at the Dartmouth Curling Club Rink November 12. In the semi-final Pat Phillips, 165, Dartmouth, knocked out Sailor Algate, 159, Toronto, in 1:12 of the first round. Lloyd Carr, 139, Dartmouth, got rocked to sleep in the second canto by Flash Buligo, 136, Windsor, Ont. Red Graham, 134, Tufts Cove, T.K.O.'ed Wilf Colford, 135, Woodside, in 2:11 of the first round. Kid Lantz, former Maritime lightweight boxing champion, refereed all the bouts.

Rockabye Ross, 150, New Waterford and Halifax, chalked up his seventeenth consecutive victory by winning a unanimous decision over Billy Nappier, 148½, Boston, Mass., in the ten-versed feature at the Halifax Armories November 7. Frank Garnier, 137, got the nod over Harold Schultz, 131, both local southpaws. In the four-rounders: Hubert Upshaw, 162, lost out to Ace Flannigan, 163; Don Watts, 109, was outpointed by Don Spears, 108; all of Halifax, N. S.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

AT Valley Arena, Holyoke, Mass.—Phil Burton, St. Louis, won a decision over Frankie Cordino of Toronto, in a rugged ten rounder. Al Pinel of Boston KO'ed Billy Randolph of Newburgh, N. Y., in the sixth. Ernie Cabral of New Haven lost a close decision to Al Dixon of Manchester, N. H., in a sixer. Bobby Grant of Hartford lost to Eddie Morton of Albany, N. Y., in six. Johnny Luz of New Bedford, Mass., knocked out Willie Griffin of Detroit, Mich., in the second.

Valley Arena—Joe Blackwood won a ten round decision over Henry Jordan of Brooklyn, N. Y. Ted "Red Top" Davis, Brooklyn, won over Archie Goodbee of Hartford in an eight round semi-final. Jimmy Garcia of New Haven KO'ed Buddy Lessard of Manchester, N. H. Lessard did not answer the bell for the third round. Billy Morris of Torrington KO'ed George Graham of Manchester in the second, and Pete Boulais of Holyoke, Mass., knocked out Fred White of Keene, N. H., in the third round.

Valley Arena—Jimmy McDonough of Brooklyn, N. Y., won a ten rounder from Frankie Cordino of Toronto. In the semi-final Dick Jones of New York, N. Y., won an eight round decision over Jimmy McLarnin of New Bedford. Al Pinal of New Bedford, Mass., won a six round bout from Billy Sanders of Springfield. Eddie Ross of Quebec, Can., KO'ed Fred Fermino of New Bedford in the first. Johnny Best KO'ed Johnny Scott of Westover Field in the second.

Valley Arena—Phil Burton of St. Louis TKO'ed Juan Carrero of Puerto Rico in the seventh. Charlie Dotson of Albany, N. Y., stopped George "Red" Doty of Hartford in the fourth. Jack Wilcox lasted two rounds with Charley Perkins of Hartford. Wilcox suffered a broken jaw. Bobby Demers of Boston stopped George "Red" Mills of Springfield, Mass., via a TKO in the fifth. Mills suffered a cut eye.

Marcus Pitts of Washington, D. C., has a hard time trying to break his fighter Charlie Bennett (welterweight), into the New England rings. Anyone wishing to obtain his services should contact the writer at 50 Carlton Ave., Chicopee Falls, Mass.

TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

JACKIE PATERSON of Glasgow won his appeal before the Stewards of Appeal of the British Boxing Board of Control and will now be recognized as the world's British and Empire flyweight champion so far as England is concerned.

The stewards sat for nine hours to discuss the case, and after hearing the evidence of Paterson, his manager, Pat Collins; trainer, Johnny Rafferty; three medical men and his lawyers, declared that Paterson will be allowed to be known as the champion in the British Empire. What happens in the States is something we won't discuss. Paterson will be given until March 31 to defend the title against Rinty Monaghan of Belfast.

Where this contest will take place is another headache. Promoter Jack Solomons will only be interested if the contestants will box on a percentage of the gate receipts.

Charlie Brown, 120, Belfast, was awarded the decision on points over Johnny Boom, 119¼, Stratford, at the Seymour Hall, London, in eight rounds of one of the most brilliant bantamweight contests seen for many a day. Boom attacked from the first gong, scoring with two-handed punches to the body and the taller Irishman countered on the defensive throughout and was awarded the decision.

The contest between Reg Andrews, Deal, and Len Bennett, Bethnal Green, who were meeting for the right to meet Alf Brown for the latter's heavyweight Southern Area No. 1 title, found disfavor with the referee by too much holding. After seven rounds the referee sent both back to their respective corners and declared it no-contest.

Danny O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, scored a K.O. victory over Ron Bissell of Bristol in the second round after he himself had been put down for a count earlier in the same session. Frank Ronan, Fulham, showed improved form in his contest against George Last, Stepney, and stopped the latter in the fifth round. Ronan will soon be an asset in the heavyweight division.

Tommy Barnham, 139¼, Fulham, gained a well-earned points decision against Billy Barton, 139, Liverpool, after eight rounds at the West Ham Baths.

Stan Davis, 144, Walworth, stopped Bert Holden, 142, Stratford, in the second round.

Charlie Squire, 115, Coventry, and Les Johnson, 116, Finsbury Park, put up a grand bout at the Baths, Kentish Town. The bout was billed for eight rounds, but at the end of the sixth, Squire, who was ahead on points, wanted to slug it out with Johnson. This method suited Johnson down to the ground, for with one of his heavy right-hand deliveries he sent Squire down for a long count and the bell came to his rescue, but on coming up for the seventh, he was just a punching bag, and Johnson had no difficulty in putting him down again for a long count. After rising, he was in no shape to defend himself and the referee wisely stopped the contest in Johnson's favor.

Bob Cleaver, 159, The Borough, was in grand boxing form when he met Ron Croad, 161, Hammersmith. In the second round he put Croad down for several counts, but the latter rose gamely and carried on to the bell, when his seconds skied the towel into the ring as a signal of retirement.

Mark Hart, 161¼, Croyden, stepped in for Randy Turpin to meet Jury VII, 161¼, in the feature bout over six rounds at Coventry. Hart proved too clever for the Frenchman and was a worthy winner at the end. Johnny Williams, 166½, Rugby, did well to stop George Barrett, 174¾, the Army cruiserweight, in the fourth round. Hic Sanders, 145¾, the Leicester southpaw, was too good for Chris Adcock, 152½, Rochdale, and the bout was stopped in the third round.

Jim Wellard, Northampton, defeated Jack Marino, Bridgewater, on points at Leyton after eight hard-hitting rounds. Johnny Kent, Covent Garden, did well to outpoint Andy McCulloch, Glasgow, in an eight-round bantamweight bout.

The aftermath of the fiasco at Jack Solomons' Royal Albert Hall, London, when Cliff Anderson of British Guiana was disqualified in the seventh round of his bout with Hal Bagwell, Gloucester, took place at a meeting of the Southern Area No. 1 Branch, who sat for over three hours listening to the evidence of Anderson, his manager, Jack Harding; his trainer, Jack Gutteridge; Promoter Jack Solomons and the doctor in attendance, who sent in the evidence of examination of the boxer. Referee Moss Deyong also testified. It was decided that Anderson be fined £500 ($2,500), and Manager Harding the sum of £100 ($500), this money to go to the Boxers' Benevolent Fund.

Bobby Blair, 145½, Oldham, gained a points decision over Gordon Ashun, 149¾, Bootle, in the feature bout at Johnny Best's Liverpool Stadium.

Jim Shepperd, 147¾, Glasgow, outpointed Dick Shields of Liverpool in the supporting eight-round contest. Freddie Wilkes, Birkenhead, knocked out Harry Reeves, Norfolk, in the second round of a welterweight contest.

George Daly, Blackfriars, showed much of his old skill in outpointing Bobby Lodge, Bermondsey, in eight rounds of a lightweight contest at Greenwich Baths.

Harry McMurdie of Edgware gained a good win at the expense of Dick Levers of Chesterfield, at Cambridge, after an even contest for three rounds. McMurdie went ahead in the fourth and Levers, falling through the ropes, injured his head and retired at the end of the round.

In the chief bout at the Ulster Hall, Belfast, Sam Edgar, 177, Belfast, knocked out Jack "Red" O'Hara, 180¼, of Dublin, in the first of an eight-round bout. Harry McAuley, 131½, Belfast, outpointed Siki O'Niel, 135¼, Dublin, in eight rounds. Frank Carroll, 124, Buncrana, defeated Jim Campbell, 120¼, Belfast, on points in eight rounds. Billy O'Niel, 143, Belfast, stopped Paddy Trainor, 140, Belfast, in the fourth, and Jackie McGouran, 132½, Dublin, knocked out Dick Dyer, 130, Gibraltar, in the fourth round.

Jackie Turpin of the Fighting Turpins, 126, outpointed Billy Marlow, 129, Battersea, in eight rounds at Rochester. Ron Kitchen, 131, Tunbridge, and Don Chekley, 129, Warwick, fought a thrilling eight rounds to a draw.

Tom Bailey, Liverpool, scored a meritorious win at the expense of Kid Tanner, British Guiana, over ten rounds at the Tower Circus, Blackpool. Frankie Johnson, Manchester, forced his opponent, Jimmy Green, Warrington, to retire in the second round of a bantamweight contest. Ray Fitton, Manchester, outpointed Perry Riley, Liverpool, over eight rounds of a featherweight bout.

Teddy Lee, Islington, one of the hardest hitters at his weight, 150, knocked out Stan Burniston, 152, of Wales, in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest at Kentish Town. Jackie Lucraft, 126½, Islington, outpointed George Thomas, 125, of Wales, in eight rounds. Billy Lee, 135, Islington, outpointed Dave Thomas, 133, Wales, in six rounds. Micky Duff, 140, Aldgate, and Al Wilburn, 138, Hickleton Main, fought six rounds to a draw.

Reg Hoblyn, Hounslow, stopped the winning streak of Bernard Murphy, Wales, when they met at Oxford. Murphy took nine-counts during the five rounds that the contest lasted, as the seconds of the game Murphy thought that it was time to call a halt, and they then skied the towel.

Vic Manini, 138, Lambeth, scored a good victory when he knocked out Ernie Stapleton, 135¾, Wood Green, in the fifth round at West Ham.

Norman Twigger, Bedworth, knocked out Jack Gibbons, Blackpool, in the fifth of a ten-round bout at Leamington.

Terry Allen, 113¼, Islington, was too fast and punched too hard for game Frank Tierney, 110, of Glasgow, when they met at the Caledonian Road Baths, London. The match, over eight rounds, was fought keenly throughout, with Allen always holding the lead. Dave Sharkey, 133, Stepney, well-outpointed Billy Marlow, 133, Battersea, in six. Des Garrod, 136¼, Paddington, won over Teddy Softley, 131½, Poplar, in six. Billy Lee, 136, Islington, well beat Johnny Catlin, 130, Greenwich, in six.

Paddy Dowdall, 137½, the tough fighting Irishman from Dublin, scored over Peter Fallon, 139½, Birkenhead, in the feature bout at the Stadium, Liverpool, Norman Twigger, 152, Coventry, won on points over Billy Axley, 147, Newcastle, in eight rounds. This is the first defeat of Axley, who has been winning some good contests for some time.

Don Smith, 150, High Wycombe, stopped Johnny Softley, 152, of Poplar, in the last round of an eight-round bout at Beckenham. Softley sustained a badly cut eye early in the contest and this handicapped the aggressive, popular fighter.

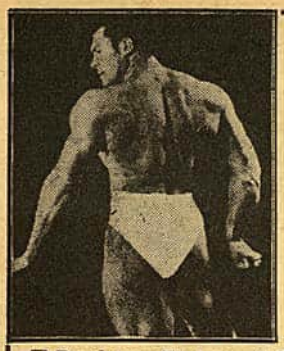
Al Marson, 176½, Canning Town, had little difficulty in outpointing Bob Scully, 175, of Glasgow, in eight rounds at Plumstead Baths. Billy Finch, 110, Plumstead, boxed with confidence and stopped Eddie Castille, 105, Harrow, by the K.O. route in the third round.

Promoter George Grant had a capacity house at Caird Hall, Dundee, when he featured the local flyweight, Norman Tennent, against Jimmy Gill of Nottingham over eight rounds. The bout was a corker from the first gong, with both throwing caution to the winds, and in the fifth round Gill dropped his right hand as if injured. He retired at the end of the round and it was found that he had fractured his right thumb. Nevertheless, Little Tennent gave a good account of himself against an experienced fighter in Jimmy Gill.

Ric Sanders, 142½, Leicester, gained a points victory over the hard-hitting Bootle welterweight, Gordon Ashun, 149, in a ten-round contest at the Stadium, Liverpool. Ronnie Draper, 119¾, Southampton, outpointed Ronnie Taylor, 125¾, Horwich, in a ten-round contest. Ray Fitton of Manchester stopped Gerry Apeers, Barrow, in the fourth of an eight-round featherweight bout. Denis Sale, Northwich, and Eddie Fitzimmons, Liverpool, boxed six rounds to a draw. Dick Grindley, Oswestry, outpointed Johnny Cross, Horwich, in six rounds of a lightweight contest.

Bert Hyland, Ireland, knocked out Billy Coloulias, New Zealand, in the third of an eight-round contest at Deyton Baths. Dave Sharkey, Aldgate, knocked out Albert Ives, Blackfriars, in the sixth of a lightweight contest.

Jack Phillips, Tredegar, and Ric Sanders, Leicester, fought eight rounds to a draw at Kentish Town Baths. The best supporting bout seen in years was one between Billy Lee, Islington, and Billy Jones of Bow, who battled every inch of the way for eight rounds before Referee Pat Fox decided that Jones was the winner. This must have been by the narrowest of margins.



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BOXING IN LIMA, PERU

By PROF. WILFRED STEPHENSON

UNKNOWN FRANCISCO JIMINEZ, Paraguayan welterweight, made his appearance here last week and surprised the fans with his fine showing against the highly respected Chilean, K.O. Varas, who received a serious wound over his right eye in the third round, and had to give up the fight in the eighth.

The bad decision handed down by the judges in the Risco-Tapia fight was greatly protested by the crowd who thought that Tapia, the Chilean, had the best of the mill throughout the ten-round tussle. The verdict was a win for Risco. Some weeks before this fight, Tapia created a mild sensation when he defeated the classy Peruvian lightweight, Grimaldo Ulrich.

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The Chilean, Mario Salinas, who compiled an enviable list of wins during his two visits to this country, was not able to decision Angel Bernaola in their ten-round mill at the Luna Park Stadium. The judges decided it was a draw.

Thrills galore were in store for the fans throughout the different stages of the 10-rounder fought by Cachorrin Carrasco and Julio Tapia. Carrasco's style, however, did not help his clever opponent who went the whole route, but was outclassed.

Robert Saco is continuing his rampage among the lightweights. His latest win was over Grimaldo Ulrich, whom he severely handled, in a ten-rounder.

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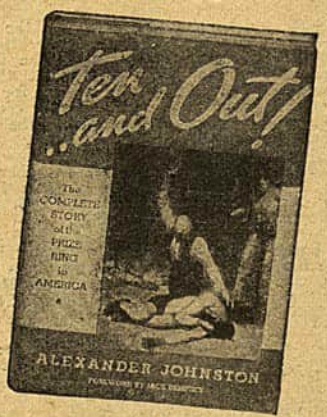

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SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS

By W. GARFORTH

JOHNNY RALPH gained his thirteenth victim when he scored over Alf Gallagher of Australia in a closely-contested affair. My score card made Ralph ahead by two points.

The fight was fought at a hot pace throughout but lacked heavy punching, which is saying a lot where Ralph is concerned.

Ralph gambled on a knockout in the early rounds, but he found it difficult to connect with his right, as Gallagher is a clever defensive boxer.

Johnny de Villiers gained a points decision over the American Johnny Denson in a ten-rounder. I made de Villiers a sure winner. Denson had an advantage in height of seven inches. De Villiers, finding difficulty in reaching the American's jaw, finally solved the problem with a right that seemed to climb over Denson's shoulder. I don't think much of Denson's ability if I may be permitted to be frank.

Preliminaries—two of Johnny Ralph's sparring partners met in a real heavyweight brawl. Conrad Botha, 180 pounds, beat Adrian Scheepers, 180, on a T.K.O. in the fourth round, the referee calling a halt after the latter had been severely punished.

John Mervyn, 144, beat Fred Storbeck, 146, similarly and in the same stanza.

Tony Lombaard, 123½, failed to come out for the fourth kick of his show with Jimmy Towcel, 126½. Towcel was far too aggressive for Lombaard and punched harder than when they first met.

NORTHERN IRELAND

By HUGO WILSON

PAT ROWLANDS, Leicester (149½) defeated Jim Doran, Belfast (150¾) on points over eight rounds.

Doran was out for the "kill" from the start but could not pierce Rowlands's magnificent defence. The English boy edged in front towards the finish as the steadier puncher.

Joe Knowles, Dublin, (120¾) knocked out Maurice Edwards, Coalville, (118¼) in the second.

Harry McAuley, Portrush, (130) K.O.ed Spider Lacoster, Dublin, (123½) in the second.

Jim McFadden, Belfast, (155) and Gerry McCready, Lurgan, (158) drew in eight.

In a six rounder, Jim McCambley, Lurgan, (133) was outpointed by Jim Milligan, Belfast, (136¾).

The Ulster Hall was packed to see Jimmy Warnock's (119¼) comeback bout against Spider Lacoster, Dublin, (121¼), which lasted a little over two minutes; the Dublin boy taking the count as the result of a left jab.

Tommy Armour, Belfast, defeated Gerry McCready, Lurgan. Both middles.

Welters—Billy O'Neill, Belfast, beat Jack Robertson, Glasgow.

Feathers—Jim Campbell, Belfast, won over Billy Whitelaw, Glasgow.

Lightweights—Peter Robinson, Belfast, kayoed Jim Beattie of Glasgow in one.

Jack Darkley, Portadown, (166), and Billy Townsley, London, (160½), boxed to a draw over eight rounds.

But for sheer craftsmanship, the bout between Paddy Dowdall, Cork, (142), Eire lightweight champion, and Spider Kelly, Derry, (141¾), ex-British and Empire featherweight champion, was a delight to see.

Kelly gave the durable Cork man a boxing lesson, while it lasted; but the Derry man's engine room gave out at the end of the sixth round. A few years back, Dowdall would not have belonged "in there" with the Derry Phantom.

Jackie McGouran, Dublin, (132½), decisioned Billy Donnelly, Belfast, (133½), in eight.

Con Caffrey, Dublin, (129), defeated Frank Carroll, Buncrana, (128).

Denis Nordon, Dundalk, (138), took the measure of Dave Mitchell, Belfast, (132¾).

In the heavyweight division, Sam Edgar, Belfast, 177, K.O.'ed Jack "Red" O'Hara, Dublin, 180½, in the first.

Both boys were out for the "kill" from the bell. Edgar's swings looked dangerous from the start and after a couple of melees he connected with a dexter punch to the jaw, which floored the Dubliner for a count of five. Groggy on getting up, O'Hara ran into another and was floored, but gamely got up without taking a count.

On arising he ran into another vicious hook and was floored for an eight count. Again he managed to make it to his feet but glassy eyed and before he could gain his equilibrium he ran into the final punch—a right hook to the temple.

Harry McAuley, Portrush, 131½, outpointed Sike O'Neill, Dublin, 135¼, over eight rounds.

O'Neill took the first three rounds, but after this, it was one-way traffic. The Portrush man's rapier lefts getting him the majority of points.

Frank Carroll Buncrana, 124, defeated Jim Campbell, Belfast, 120½.

Campbell fought spasmodically, but his rival's straight lefts and right counters punished him severely and had him down for three counts in the seventh heat.

Billy O'Neill, Belfast, 143, defeated Paddy Trainor, Belfast, 140, who retired at the end of the fourth round with an injured right hand.

Jackie McGouran, Dublin, 132½, K.O.'ed Dick Dyer, Gilbraltar, 130, in the fourth of an eight-rounder.

Joe "Boy" Collins, Dublin, 124, knocked out Sean Kiernan, Mullingar, 124¾, in the last of an eight-rounder.

Collins was the boss in this contest by virtue of his superb boxing ability.

Paddy Slavin, Belfast, 182, stopped Chris Cole, Mullingar, 184, in the fifth.

In his first professional contest, Slavin looked like a world-beater and his heavy punching and fast footwork had the ex-Irish champion beaten from the start.

Billy Davidson, London, 134½, won over J. Worthington, Dundalk, 133¾.

Micky McAlorum, Belfast, 138, defeated Con Roche, Mullingar, 136¾.

Jackie McGouran, Dublin, 132, won over Harry McAuley, Belfast, 129¾.

RING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By TED YAMACHIKA

DISPLAYING a devastating two-fisted attack, Frankie Fernandez, Hawaii's welterweight hope, won his fifteenth professional victory in sixteen starts by scoring a T.K.O. in the eighth round over tough Joey Barnum of Culver City, Calif., at the Honolulu Stadium. A crowd of 9,935 fans paid $23,947.10 to watch the Al Lang-Auggie Curtis promoted show and went home impressed with Fernandez's ability and ruggedness and convinced that he should get tougher opponents in the future.

Fernandez dominated the fight from the very first round and got stronger as the fight progressed.

A right to the jaw floored Barnum for an eight-count in the third round and from there on it was only a matter of how much longer he would be able to withstand the constant barrage of rights and lefts.

The fight was stopped by Referee Walter Cho during the intermission following the seventh round after Barnum had absorbed such terrific punishment in the last two rounds that he had difficulty going to his corner.

Frankie Fernandez's weight was 143 1/10 to Joey Barnum's 141 1/3 for this fight.

Other results: Ike Patton, 157 3/10, former Navy champion, won a second-round technical knockout verdict over Tommy Lee, 154, in the semi-windup.

Chung Bok Soo, 142, of Seoul, Korea, T.K.O.'ed Eddie Morrow, 140½, in the second round of a five-rounder.

Ray Chang, 127½, decisioned Abe Konaaihele, 133, over four rounds.

Placido Torres, 127½, gained the nod over Slim Suzuki, 128, over four rounds.

In the opener, Walter Chung, 118½, needed but one punch to knock out Ray Pereza, 119 3/5.

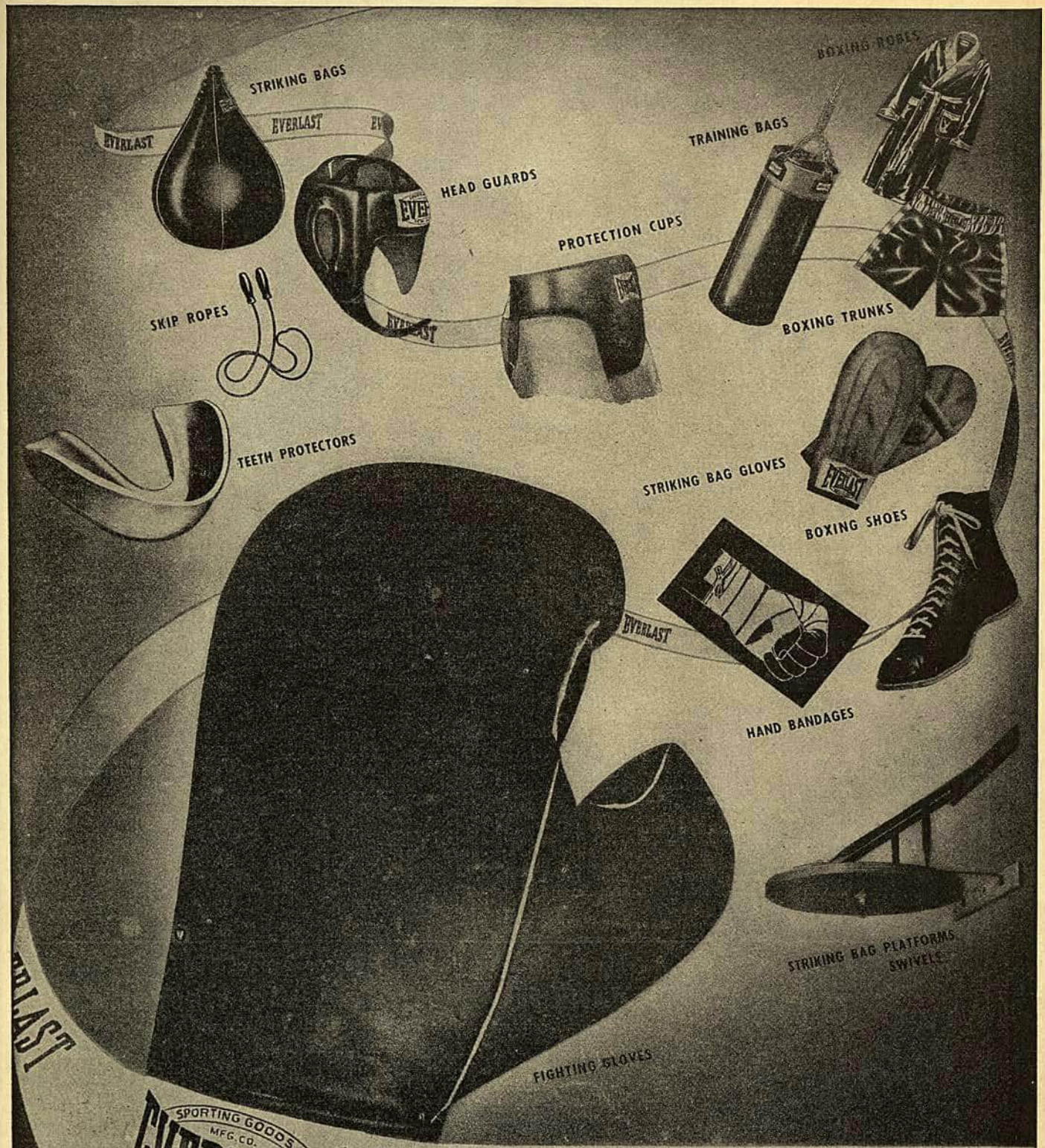
Joe Soares, 118 1/10, hard-punching bantamweight, scored a sensational K.O. victory in the sixth round over clever Marino Tiwanak, 116, in the main event of a fight card held at the Civic Auditorium on November 24th. The fight ended in 2:01 of the sixth round when Soares landed a right and left to the body and Tiwanak slumped to the floor writhing in pain. There was not much to choose between these two fighters during the earlier rounds. From the fourth round on, however, Tiwanak began to weaken. Tiwanak went down three times in the fifth. This return fight (they fought to a draw the last time they met), was promoted by Leo Leavitt and was witnessed by a small crowd of 2,267, pho paid $3,950.25.

Other results: George Dunn, 130 3/5, won an unpopular decision over Baby Garcia, 132, in the eight-round semi-final.

Up-and-coming Phillip Kim, 142 1/5, knocked out Eddie Mara, 147 7/10, in the first of a four.

James Masuda, 127 3/10, and Eddie Reyes, 124, fought to a four-round draw.

Phillip LaBang, 118½, decisioned Willie Brown, 112½, in the four-round opener.



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